

## Big Seed Happenings

To begin, please welcome Charlotte, Emma and Hunter to the Big Seed room. These lovely ladies have been visiting us throughout the day and have been doing wonderful. We are looking forward to getting to know them better and to work more with their families. Vivian, having been the only girl in a classroom full of boys even though she can hold her own, sadly is leaving us and moving up to Sprout Too. However, we know she will do great and she is very excited to hang out with her buddy Jasper again.

As for our five boys, they have been playing hard and learning hard. They all have avid curiosities and no shortage of energy. Sawyer took off walking overnight. He gets the biggest smile when teachers cheer for him and then immediately after he gives us a look that almost says, "Yeah, I just did that," before continuing on his way. Sage and Hunter love filling up buckets with all the fallen crab apples. After a bucket is full they carry it over to the fence and start to push the apples through the openings and then fill up the buckets again. Although Owen and Dominick occasionally help collect apples the real fun for them are all the leaves. They get so excited when teachers bring out the rakes and brooms to make huge leaf piles. Owen sits right in the middle with a huge smile as teachers pile the leaves around his legs after which he grabs them by the handful and throws them up into the air and giggles as they fall back into his face. Dominick crawls through the piles on his hands and knees as fast as he can scattering leaves everywhere. Teachers can barely rake it back into a pile before he's at it again. We can't wait to see what these boys will do with snow.

During November the Big Seeds will get to know themselves better with "All about Me" themed art projects, activities and maybe even some turkeys.

**Books-** *How Does Baby Feel?*; *Where Is Baby's Belly Button?*; *Peek-a-Baby*; and *Five Silly Turkeys*

### **Signs-**

**Mom-** Extend and spread your fingers apart. With your pinkie facing out tap your thumb on your chin.

**Dad-** Extend and spread out your five fingers on your strong hand. Tap your hand on your forehead.

**Turkey-** *Turkey* looks like outlining the wattles on a turkey. Taking the index finger and thumb pointing down, move your hand from your chin down to your chest.

## **Songs-**

### **I Am Special**

I am special, I am special.

If you look, you will see.

Someone very special.

Someone very special.

That is me. That is me.

### **The Body Parts Song**

(To the tune of "Where is Thumbkin")

Here's my head.

Here's my nose.

See my hands,

Touch my toes.

Reach up with my

fingers,

High as they can go.

Wave them back,

To and fro.

### **All of Me**

My hands are for clapping.

My arms can hug tight.

My fingers can snap.

Or turn out the light.

My legs are for jumping.

My eyes help me see.

This is my body,

And I love all of me

### **A few reminders:**

- Don't forget snowsuits, boots, hats and gloves. Snow will be here before you know it and we want to make sure we have everything your child will need to go outside.
- Conferences will be held Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. Watch for the sign-up sheet.
- Growing Tree will be closed Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>
- Please bring in a family portrait as soon as possible. We will make copies for certain activities and projects and display them around the room for the month of November.

Thank you and have a Happy  
Thanksgiving!

Jessica and

Erin

Nov-17

# "All About Me"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 "Look how tall we are"	2 I See Me	3 Unique Me
6 My Family Tree	7 Kid-Size	8 What Shall I Wear?	9 All the Colors	10 Happy to "Bee" Me
13 My House	14 Self-Portrait	15 I Dressed Myself	16 Colorful Turkeys	17 Turkey Feathers
20 Handprint Wreath	21 My hands can do...	22 My feet can do...	23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED
27 Puzzle Picture Frame	28 My name on paper	29 My name starts with...	30 "This is how I do..."	

**Notes:**

<b>This Month's Books:</b>
<i>How Does Baby Feel?</i>
<i>Where Is Baby's Belly Button?</i>
<i>Peek-a-Baby</i>
<i>Five Silly Turkeys</i>
<b>This Month's Songs:</b>
"I am Special"
"The Body Parts Song"
"All of Me"
<b>This Month's Signs:</b>
Mom
Dad
Turkey

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