



Big Seed Happenings

Charlotte, Hunter M. and Emma have all settled into Big Seeds very nicely. **Charlotte** figured out the best time to have most of the toys to herself, is during art. While most of the children are gathered around the table, she spends this time exploring all of the activities we have set out in the room. Her favorite thing seems to be the home center. You can hear her laughing as she entertains herself by opening and closing the cupboard doors. **Hunter M.** enjoys sitting with a friend or two and taking turns handing Duplo Legos to a teacher so they can stack all the blocks into towers. Then she and her playmates wave their hands through the towers to knock them down. **Emma** has become more confident in her walking. She gets so excited and proud when teachers cheer for her, that she claps her hands and cheers for herself too. **Owen, Dominick and Hunter B.** have a blast with our obstacle courses. All three boys take turns running full speed and throwing themselves at the raised mats so that they roll forward and catch themselves on the carpet before flipping the rest of their bodies over and running full speed to the next mat. **Sawyer and Sage** show off big smiles as they watch their teachers dance around the classroom for the kids. Soon after, they join in with some head bobs before raising one or both hands up and fist pumping the air to the beat of the music.

Hopefully December will slow down a bit so that we can enjoy our Forest theme. Our classroom will transform into a “Woodland Wonderland” complete with a bear cave.

Books: *Little Owl's 1, 2, 3; Duck and Goose: It's Time for Christmas;* and *Santa Paws*

Signs:

Tree- The sign for tree looks like a tree waving above the ground. To make the *tree* sign, take your weak hand and extend it flat across your body to make the ground. Then take your strong hand and stand it up at right angles, with your fingers extended and shaking them back and forth.

Bear- Make the *bear* sign by making your hands into claws and crossing your arm with one hand on each shoulder. Now scratch up and down with each hand.

Play- To sign *play*, take both hands and extend your pinkie fingers and thumbs, while keeping the rest of your fingers tucked in. Holding the two hands out with palms facing you, shimmy them around a little by twisting them back and forth.

Songs:

“Raccoon, Raccoon”

(To the tune of “Twinkle Star”)

Raccoon, raccoon, climbing a tree,
Wearing a mask, you can’t fool me.
Hiding there so I can’t see
What you’re doing in that tree.
Raccoon, raccoon, climbing a tree,
Wearing a mask, you can’t fool me.

“The Squirrel Song”

(To the tune of “Brother John”)

See the squirrels,
See the squirrels,
Climb the tree,
Climb the tree.
Hiding nuts for winter,
Hiding nuts for winter,
In the tree,
In the tree.

“Open Shut Them”

Open shut them
Open shut them
Give a little clap, clap, clap

Open shut them
Open shut them
Lay them on your lap, lap, lap

Creep them creep them
Creep them creep them
Right up to your chin, chin, chin
Open wide your little mouth
But do not let them in

Shake them shake them
Shake them shake them
Shake them
Just like this, this, this
Roll them roll them
Roll them roll them Roll
And blow a little kiss
Muach!



A couple reminders:

- Holiday Sing-Along is Monday December 11th
- Growing Tree is closed Monday December 25th


Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Jessica and Erin

Dec-17

Over in the Forest

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| Notes: |
| This Month's Books: |
| <i>Little Owl's 1,2,3</i> |
| <i>Duck and Goose:</i> |
| <i>It's Time for Christmas</i> |
| <i>Santa Paws</i> |
| This Month's Songs: |
| "Raccoon, Raccoon" |
| "The Squirrel Song" |
| "Open, Shut Them" |
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| This Month's Signs: |
| Tree |
| Bear |
| Play |

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 4 Nutty Squirrels | 5 Hedgehogs | 6 Stinky Skunks | 7 Family of Deer | 8 Like a Fox |
| 11 Raccoons | 12 Stick Forest | 13 Bear in the Woods | 14 Picking Mushrooms | 15 Ribbit, Ribbit |
| 18 Snowy Forest | 19 Stained-Glass Trees | 20 Acorn Painting | 21 Tree Cookie Painting | 22 Forest Animals |
| 25 CLOSED | 26 Snow-Covered Trees | 27 Moose | 28 Falling Acorns | 29 Fox Tails |



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