



## March Seedlings News

It sure is great to have everything back to normal in the baby room. Ms. Melanie and Ms. Brianna did a great job keeping things on track but Ms. Jolene is sure happy to be back with the little ones. Everyone has grown and changed so much in the last few months, and it has been great getting to see all of their new tricks. It has also been fun getting to know the new little ones and watching how much they have learned and accomplished just in the last month. We feel things have really settled into a great routine and everyone has adjusted beautifully.

**Abby** will be spending the first part of the month hanging out and transitioning with the Big Seeds, and will officially move over on March 12th. She is pushing herself up to a stand from the middle of the floor and is poised to take off walking any day now. We will miss her smile and snuggles. **Luke** went from rolling to crawling to pulling himself up to a stand in a flash! It took a couple of little tumbles and a lot of frustration, but he was very determined and persistent. Way to go Luke! He is also really enjoying sampling all the Big Seed food. **Willa** saw her friend Luke on the go, and quickly got the hang of crawling so she could follow him and play. She is enjoying her independence and being able to choose where she wants to play.

**Jackson** is still enjoying rolling around and is figuring out how to turn himself to get where he wants to go. He loves sitting by the window and watching the cars and people come and go. His excited giggles about getting to eat baby food are too cute. **Lulu** has mastered rolling from her back to her belly and back again and is starting to cover some ground when she gets rolling. It won't be long before she is rolling all over the room and trying to crawl. She has also started sitting with some support and trying some baby cereal; but is a little skeptical of the taste and texture. The verdict is still out. **Lillian** has discovered the jumper and loves being on her feet and looking out the window. She is also working on her tummy time and rolling to her side in an

effort to roll over. For now she just enjoys talking to her gym toys and hanging out. **Teddy** is an ambitious and strong little guy who didn't take long to figure out how to roll from his back to his belly while playing in his gym. He loves pushing up on his arms and watching his big friends play around him, but is still working on rolling back over when he gets tired. He has also been showing off his super sweet giggle. **Ronin** is a big mellow kind of guy, and while he isn't showing much interest in going anywhere yet, he does have a lot to say to anyone or anything that will listen! He loves being talked to and doing his neck and core strengthening exercises. He also loves long naps and warm milk.

As we wish **Abby** well in the Big Seed room, we will be welcoming new baby **Isabella Timineri**. She and her family are new to Growing Tree, and we look forward to getting to know them and watching little **Isabella** grow.

This year has sure been a rough one for illnesses. Know that we are doing all we can on our end to keep our room as clean and sanitized as possible. All spare time is being used to spray, wipe, wash and launder all the toys, blankets, stuffed animals and linens. We are trying to keep the littlest ones segregated on their own blankets with their own toys and gyms. The mobile babies are being encouraging to leave the little ones' gyms and toys alone; and we try to interest in them in their own toys which we collect and sanitize after they have been in their mouths or they are done playing with them. Please be sure to observe and follow Growing Tree illness policy and if you are not sure if your child should be here—ask-- or just keep them home.

Sorry your Valentine gifts were so late but things don't always go as planned. We hope you enjoyed them. We hope everyone stays safe during our late onset winter (you didn't think spring would be early did you?) and has a chance to maybe enjoy the snow a little. Have a great month and hope for some sun.

Dates to remember:

- March 2<sup>nd</sup>-First Friday
- March 26<sup>th</sup>-Book Fair Week

Ms. Jolene, Ms. Melanie and Ms. Brianna