

Big Seed Happenings July, 2018



Wouldn't you know it? We blinked and it's July. I don't know about you, but summer needs to put the brakes on itself. The good thing is that our Big Seeds haven't seemed to notice and have been going non-stop all month long with ocean books, water play (when it's warm enough) and discovering how to drink from an open cup.

Shaylie has discovered all the fun things she can do with our wooden bus. We observe her throughout the day climbing up onto the platform; playing peek-a-boo with the other children; and running the beads on their tracks. **Abby** busies herself with the large Duplo Legos and has been found several times surrounded by Lego blocks as she builds towers and then takes them apart. **Emma** and **Natalie** have been doing a lot of pretend play with the baby dolls. They each take a doll, wrap it up in a blanket and carry it over to the home center where they pretend to feed them from pots and plates by scooping up "baby food" with a ladle and spoon and then feeding it to their babies. **Charlotte** has been very helpful to her friends and teachers. Whenever she finds a water cup, a shoe, etc. she immediately picks it up and takes it to the child it belongs to or to a teacher. **Dominick** and **Sawyer** have been helpful too. They both have started taking care of the other children when they get hurt. They give gentle touches and ask if they want a hug. They have even started helping their friends up if they fall down and follow-through in making sure they are okay. Even though all of our Big Seeds are musically inclined, there have been two this month that have been particularly prone to show their love. **Hunter** loves to dance but her jam these days has been Taylor Swift's "Shake It Off". She doesn't hesitate to break it down and she certainly knows how to "shake it off". **Sage** is turning into quite the song bird. Teachers have started asking him to sing to us. He always sings the same song that we believe he made up himself, in a very soft and lovely voice.

Watch out! It's Red, White and Raaawwwrrr month! This year we decided to add a little something to our Stars and Stripes theme. Because come on, who doesn't love dinosaurs?!

Books: *oh My, Oh My, Oh Dinosaurs; How Do Dinosaurs Go to Sleep?; How Do Dinosaurs Say I'm Mad?; and How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?*

Signs:

Stars- extend your two index fingers and hold them together up above your head. Raise and lower your two fingers alternatively. This sign should look like you are pointing out stars in the sky.

Dinosaur- place your non-dominant arm with elbow bent creating a flat surface. Take your dominant arm and place it on top of the flat of your non-dominant positioned in a diagonal with the hand forming a head by putting fingers together. Move the dominant arm across the non-dominant arm as if the “dinosaur” was walking on the flat surface of the other arm.

Songs:

Way Up in the Sky

(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Wave, wave, wave the flag.
Hold it very high.
Watch the colors gently wave.
Way up in the sky.

March, march, march around.
Hold the flag up high.
Wave, wave, wave the flag.
Way up in the sky.

Dinosaur, Dinosaur
Dinosaur, dinosaur, turn around.

Dinosaur, dinosaur, stomp the ground.
Dinosaur, dinosaur, show your claws.
Dinosaur, dinosaur, snap your jaws.
Dinosaur, dinosaur, turn around.
Dinosaur, dinosaur, sit back down!

I Want to Be a Great Big Dinosaur

Oh I want to be a great big dinosaur,
That is what I really want to be!
For if I were a great big dinosaur,
Everyone would run away from me.....
Ahhhhhhhhh!!!!

My Little Dinosaur

I had a little dinosaur.
I put it in my hat.
I let it ride around awhile,
And that was that.

I had a little dinosaur.
I put it in my shoe.
I let it ride around awhile-
Well, wouldn't you?

I had a little dinosaur.
I put it in my sleeve.
I let it ride around awhile
Till it had to leave.

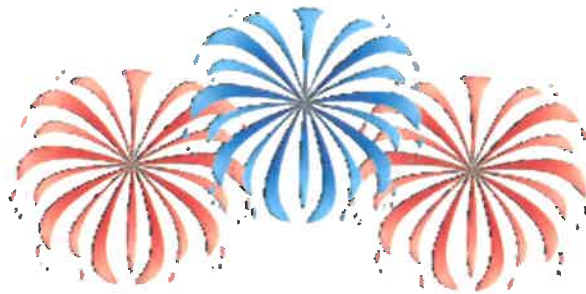
I had a little dinosaur.
I put it in my bed.
I read it stories for a while.
“Good night!” it said.



- Please remember that breakfast is from 8-845 am. According to our USDA contract we cannot serve a child food after this time. We technically are not even supposed to have food out at all after the meal time has ended. Typically a child takes 15-20 minutes to eat their meal. If you think that you will not be able to get your child to school and have adequate time to eat; then please feed them at home. That being said we also cannot have the children eating food from home after being dropped off because the other children tend to gravitate around them and try to take their food. We have a curriculum and schedule to keep and if we are late getting started with our day because one of us has to sit with the child as they eat then we have less time to observe and guide the children through their discovery processes. We understand that mornings can be hectic and we appreciate your efforts to help us stay within our set schedule.

Thank you and have a fun and safe 4th of July!

Jessica, Erin and Korinea



Dates to remember:

- **Growing Tree is closed on Wednesday for the 4th of July.**
- **Growing Tree Graduation BBQ is Wednesday July 25th- for all families.**

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Red, White and Raaaawrrrr!

Notes:

This Month's Books:
<i>Oh My, Oh My, Oh Dinosaurs!</i>
<i>How Do Dinosaurs Go to Sleep?</i>
<i>How Do Dinosaurs</i>
<i>Say I'm Mad?</i>
<i>How Do Dinosaurs</i>
<i>Eat Their Food?</i>
This Month's Songs:
"My Little Dinosaur"
"Dinosaur, Dinosaur"
"I Want to be a Great Big Dinosaur"
"Way up in the Sky"
This Month's Signs:
Stars and Dinosaur

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Noisemakers	3 BOOM!	4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!	5 Tape Resist Flags	6 Stars and Stripes
9 Waving Flags	10 Rocket Pops!	11 Star Wreath	12 Torn Paper Flags	13 Red, White and Blue Collage
16 Active Volcano	17 Dino Silhouette	18 Peek-a-Boo Dinos	19 Dino Suncatchers	20 Paperplate Dinos
23 Walking with Dinosaurs	24 Watercolor Dinosaurs	25 Dino Dig	26 Handprint Dinos	27 Colorful Dinosaurs
30 "Rawr" means I love you!	31 Dino Stamping			



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