



Big Seed Happenings

We made it through the first month! Yay! We spent the month getting to know one another and exploring the classroom. Busting out rhymes seemed to give us all a common bond. The Big Seed favorites were Itsy Bitsy Spider as well as Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.

Aspen and **Donovan** are new to Growing Tree and have transitioned in nicely to the group dynamic. **Aspen** enjoys exploring on her own and finds quiet spaces to enjoy her finds. **Donovan** stops whatever he is doing when a teacher breaks out in song. He listens intently until the song is sung. **Luke** is full of energy and smiles all day long. He spent his time exploring the room by climbing! He even cheers for himself when he has accomplished his climb. **Lillian** is very curious, as toddlers typically are. She loves to pull toy baskets off the shelves, pour out the contents, and swish them all over the floor. Once the toys are organized she "tastes" each toy! **JJ** has a twinkle in his eye that just makes you feel good. We often find him in a quiet corner with a toy talking to himself and laughing at whatever he just said. **Eaven** is our dancing queen. When the music plays she dances like she just doesn't care, and always asks for more when the song ends. We love watching her make up her own moves or try and imitate her peers. **Lulu** loves to take things apart! On a daily basis we see her putting the magnets together and pulling them apart. **Shaylie** is moving to the Sprout room this month. She will be missed very much. We will be welcoming **Teddy** from the Seed room, and we are so excited to get to know him and his family.

Fall is here and we are ready! Our theme this month will be Pumpkin Seeds and Falling Leaves! We are looking forward to exploring what is in a pumpkin and playing in the leaves

Books Never touch a monster; Where is baby's pumpkin; Welcome Fall; and Nighty-Night Little Green Monster.

Signs:

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; (Similar to "hang ten").

Help- is made by closing your left hand into an "A." Place the outstretched palm of your right hand under the left "A" hand and raise both hands.

Leaf- The leaf sign looks a lot like a leaf hanging from a branch, waving in a gentle breeze. Your weak hand acts like the branch. You point the index finger on your weak hand and make your other fingers into a fist. Your strong hand is the leaf. Make an open hand, with palm down. Then place the base of your palm onto the index finger of your weak hand. Move your strong hand up and down a little to complete the sign.

Songs:

Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.

The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late".

The second one said, "There are bats in the air".

The third one said, "But we don't care".

The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run".

The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun".
"Oo-oo," went the wind and out went the light.

And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

Scarecrow, scarecrow turn around.

Scarecrow, scarecrow touch the ground.

Stand up tall and blink your eyes.

Raise your hands up to the sky.

Clap your hands then tap your knees.

Turn around and tap your feet.

Scarecrow, scarecrow touch your toes.

Scarecrow, scarecrow tap you nose.

Swing your arms so very slow.

Now real fast to scare the crows.

Touch your head, jump up and down.

Now sit down without a sound.

Five Little Apples

Five little apples in an apple tree.

Five little apples smiled down at me.

I shook that tree as hard as I could,

Down came the apples and

HMMM they were good!

Pumpkin, Pumpkin

Pumpkin, pumpkin,

Sitting on the wall.

Pumpkin, pumpkin,

Tip and fall.

Pumpkin, pumpkin,

Rolling down the street.

Pumpkin, pumpkin,

Have a seat.

Scarecrow, Scarecrow

(tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

A few reminders:

- Big Seed pictures will be taken on Thursday October 4th. We will take our class picture on Friday October 5th. Make sure you fill out a form and turn it in at the front desk.
- DD Ranch is on Saturday, October 6th from 930-11 a.m.
- Oct. 31st is Team Spirit Day at Growing Tree. Instead of wearing a costume, dress your child in support of your favorite team.

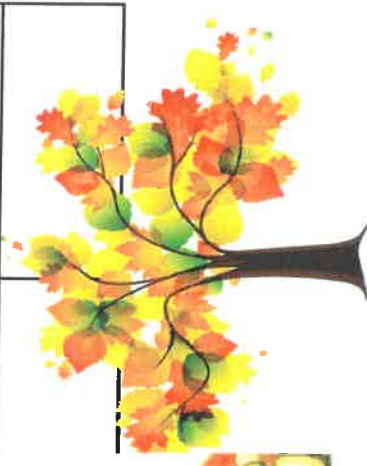
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Pumpkin Seeds and Falling Leaves

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Autumn colors	2 Fall trees	3 Handy acorns	4 Apple picking	5 Mr. leaf
8 Pile of leaves	9 look at my leaf	10 Puffy leaves	11 my colorful leaf	12 rolling in the leaves
15 Beautiful Pinecone	16 Fall Breeze	17 Pumpkin Patch	18 Jumping acorns	19 Yummy Candy
22 friendly pumpkins	23 No mess pumpkins	24 Spiderweds	25 Black cat crossing	26 BOO!
29 Whats that in the sky	30 My Pumpkin	31 Guess Who?		

Notes:

This Month's Books:
<i>Welcome Fall</i>
<i>Where is baby's pumpkin</i>
<i>Never Touch a Monster</i>
This Month's Songs:
Help
Play
Leaf
This Month's Signings:
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Scarecrow, Scarecrow
Five Little Pumpkins
Pumpkin, Pumpkin



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