

## Big Seed Happenings

Hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween! Everyone looked great supporting their favorite team on Wednesday and the Big Seeds had fun decorating their masks for the school parade!

Our classroom looked amazing with all the beautiful fall colors from the Big Seeds art and they definitely noticed their hard work on display and pointed it out to teachers throughout the day. Besides art, we have noticed our students branching out in their play. **JJ** and **Lulu** are starting to show signs of pretend play. **JJ** will sometimes empty our basket of dishes into the home center kitchen sink and rummage the dishes around as if he is washing them. **Lulu** tends to go for the baby dolls and lays them out on the floor, covers them with a blanket and pats the doll on the back like she is putting it to sleep.

**Luke** and **Lillian** are our outdoor enthusiasts. **Luke** loves to run, tumble and shuffle through our big leaf piles. He really loves it when teachers throw big handfuls of leaves into the air above him and smiles when they float back down to land on his head before signing for "more". **Lillian** spends a majority of her time searching for crab apples while outside. Her favorite spot to search is in the leaf pile. She buries her hands in the leaves and digs around until she finds an apple for each hand. **Donovan** is full of smiles, waves and "Hi's" as he walks by his teachers; which by the way is a fairly new development for him. He is so proud of himself when he shows off his new skill. **Aspen** and **Teddy** aren't far behind in their walking either. They are constantly using tables, shelves, chairs, bikes and walkers to travel around the classroom and the play yard. Keep up the hard work!

This month we are welcoming **Ronin** into the Big Seed room from next door. For those of you who don't know, Ms. Jo from Seedlings is his mom. He has been visiting us the past month and loving every minute of being over with the big kids. He will be taking **Eaven's** spot in our room because she has moved up to Sprout Too. She has been loving her transition time in the mornings visiting her new room and we wish her and her family well as they move on to a new adventure.

November is our “All about me” study. The Big Seeds will explore all the things that make them unique in this big world.

**Books:** *How Does Baby Feel? Where Is Baby’s Belly Button? Daddy Calls Me Doodlebug; and Mommy Calls Me Monkeypants*

**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.
- First Friday is on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Conferences will be held Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Growing Tree will be CLOSED that day. Watch for the sign-up sheet.
- Growing Tree will be closed November 22<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> for Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thank you and have a happy Thanksgiving!  
Jessica, Erin and Korinea

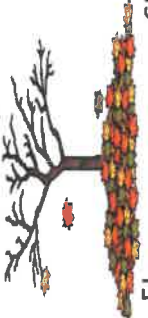


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# All About Me

**Notes:**

<b>This Month's Books:</b>
<i>How Does Baby Feel?</i>
<i>Where Is Baby's Belly Button?</i>
<i>Daddy Calls Me Doodlebug</i>
<i>Mommy Calls Me Monkeypants</i>
<i>Horns to Toes and In Between</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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
5 Self-Portrait	6 My Name Starts with...	7 "My House"	8 "I dressed myself"	9 "Look how tall we all are"
12 <b>CLOSED FOR CONFERENCES</b>	13 Colorful Hands	14 Colorful Feet	15 Family Tree	16 Handprint Wreath
19 Gobble, Gobble	20 Turkey Time	21 Mashed Potato Sensory Art	22 <b>CLOSED</b>	23 <b>CLOSED</b>
26 Watercolor Name	27 Paper Person	28 Pick-a-color Handprint	29 Paper Name	30 Puzzle Piece Picture Frame



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