

Big Seed Happenings

Whoo-hoo! Spring is in the air...finally! The Big Seeds and teachers are excited to start shedding the snowsuits soon. As much as the Big Seeds loved exploring all of our snow and as well as they did with the colder temperatures, they seem to be pretty happy to have their play yard back to normal and have been taking advantage of riding bikes on the bike ramp and running back and forth on the grass.

Ronin loved diving head-first into the huge snow piles and was always the first one out the door. Aspen spent most of her snow time walking the teacher-made snow trails. She would walk from one end to the other before turning back around to walk it again. Lillian found a couple other ways to explore the snow. When she wasn't eating it, she would fill up a red watering can with as much snow as she could fit and then tip it over to dump it back out again. Lulu's favorite part of outside was the getting ready part. She would go from snowsuit to snowsuit zipping them up and down until it's time to go get her dressed for the outside.

Izzy has been doing a lot of pretend play with the baby dolls this past month. She covers them with blankets, pats the dolls on their tummy's, feeds them with baby bottles and gives them love with her hugs. Teddy is showing quite a bit of interest in books. He has probably been through all of them at least a hundred times and always points out the lions and gives a "roar". Aubree has been making great strides, no pun intended, in her walking. She has been working hard using the chairs to help her move and it has paid off. She is now walking and is very proud of herself, which is evident from her big smile.

On a sad note, we had to say good-bye to Donovan and his family at the end of March. Donovan has come so far since he started in September and we will miss his toothy smiles and cheerful "Hi's". We wish him and his family well.

We will be welcoming Saylor into our room this month from next door. Saylor has been doing really well in her visits to our room and we are excited to have her and her family back in the Big Seed room again. Her big sister Riley is in the Bud room.

April's study will focus on pets and all things spring. Be prepared to find yourself surrounded by playful pets, beautiful flowers and interesting insects as we bloom into spring.

Books: *Rain, Rain Go Away; That's Not My Puppy; Welcome Spring; Duck and Goose: Here Comes the Easter Bunny; Five Green and Speckled Frogs*

Signs:

Dog- pat your outstretched hand with fingers together on the side of your hip. Just as if you were calling the dog.

Rain- open up both hands, and starting with your hands above your head and bring them down. Your fingers are like the raindrops drifting down.

Music- take your weak hand and hold it across your body. Then, take your strong hand and wave it back and forth as if conducting an orchestra.

Songs:

“I had a little turtle”

I had a little Turtle,
His name was Tiny Tim.
I put him in the bathtub,
To see if he could swim.

He drank up all the water
And ate up all the soap.
And now my little turtle,
Has a bubble in his throat.

Bubble, Bubble, Bubble,
Bubble, Bubble, Bubble,
Bubble, Bubble, Bubble
Bubble, Pop! (clap hands together)

“If all of the raindrops”

If all of the raindrops
Were lemondrops and gumdrops
Oh, what a rain that would be!
I’d stand outside, with my mouth open wide
Saying ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah
If all of the raindrops
Were lemondrops and gumdrops
Oh, what a rain that would be!

Additional Verses

If all of the snowflakes were chocolate bars and
milkshakes...Oh, what a snow that would be!
If all of the sunbeams were lemonade and ice
cream...Oh, what a sun that would be!

“Spring Song”

(Tune: The Farmer in the Dell)
The sun is shining bright,
The sun is shining bright,
Oh, how I love the warmth,
The sun is shining bright.

The rain is falling down,
The rain is falling down,
Oh, how I love the sound,
The rain is falling down.

The flowers start to bloom,
The flowers start to bloom,
Oh, how I love the sight,
The flowers start to bloom.

“Ten Little Bunnies”

(Tune: Ten Little Indians)
One little, two little, three little bunnies,
Four little, five little, six little bunnies,
Seven little, eight little, nine little bunnies,
Ten little bunnies hopping up and down!

Additional Verses:

Jumping up and down
Twirling around
Standing on one foot

A Few Reminders:

- Growing Tree will be closed April 12th for conferences
- Don’t forget to sign up for conferences. The sign-up is at the front desk

- Please continue to make sure your child has weather appropriate clothes and extra clothes

Thank you and happy spring!

Jessica and Erin

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Pets and Springtime

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Handful of Flowers	2 Pretty Kitty	3 Baby Chicks	4 Painting Flowers	5 Catching Grasshoppers
8 Pet Goldfish	9 Thunderstorms	10 "Raindrops keep falling on my head"	11 Make-a-wish	12 CLOSED FOR CONFERENCES
15 Marble Bunnies	16 Don't forget your Umbrella	17 Friendly Dogs	18 Fluttering Butterflies	19 Bottlecap Flowers
22 Earth Day!	23 "I had a little turtle"	24 Muffin Cup Flowers	25 Buzzing Bumblebees	26 Pet Stamping
29 Coffee-Filter Flowers	30 Painting with Flowers			

Notes:

This Month's Books:
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<i>That's Not My Puppy</i>
<i>Welcome Spring</i>
<i>Duck and Goose:</i>
<i>Here Comes the Easter Bunny</i>
<i>Five Green and Speckled Frogs</i>
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"I had a little turtle"
"If all of the raindrops"
"Spring Song"
"Ten Little Bunnies"
This Month's Signs:
Dog, Rain, Music

Big Seeds