



Seedling's Newsletter

We hope all our moms had a wonderful Mother's Day and enjoyed the butterfly's your baby made for you. A lot of love, giggles and wiggles went into making them for you. Don't worry dad's, we have something special coming for you this month too. We are lucky to have so many great parents we get to work with each day. To all our babies' parents - you're doing a great job, so keep up the good work. You are amazing!

The weather finally warmed up and we got to spend some great time outside. At first the babies were a little skeptical and unsure how they felt about the outdoor play space. Initially, **Ellie and Theo** were not fans of the texture of the grass, and we sat with them and demonstrated how the grass was safe and fun to touch; how sometimes it tickles and sometimes it pokes. We showed them how you can smash it or pet it like a dog. Ellie also liked to hide around the corner by the shed and play peek-a-boo with teachers and friends. There were also a lot of new sounds to get used to, but after a few days everyone was excited to go out, and they were all exploring the yard with confidence. It was great watching the babies use all their senses to explore the new environment and really test out their physical abilities.

Archer had no fear going out into the yard and being part of the Big Seed play, which is great since he will be joining their class next month. He loves to watch what they do and try to do it too; whether it is climbing up the red stairs or pushing the bikes around the yard.

Clover was a little overwhelmed by the sounds of the cars and especially the big trucks and motorcycles roaring by! She also didn't like the constant stream of strangers walking by the fence or when the Big Seed parents came to pick up. With some reassurance and time, she has become more secure in going out in the yard on her own without a teacher next to her. She does love sampling all the foliage she can get in her mouth. Yuck!

Chandler loves all the activity - the cars roaring by, the Big Seeds running around, the wind blowing the trees and teachers blowing bubbles! He sits wide-eyed watching everything and everyone and laughs at the Big Seeds silly antics. He especially loves it when they bring him toys!

Enzo just wants to go, go, go! Inside he often needs to be redirected and is easily bored and needs a change of scenery or circumstance. Outside, he is content with so much space and

things to do and see. He loves to test his skills crawling up and down the slide, finding sticks and leaves and breaking or tearing them apart, (sometimes tasting too).

Quinn enjoys playing with the pots on the shelves and banging the lids together like cymbals; causing a ruckus like he isn't allowed to do inside. He also loves trying to touch the bubbles when the teacher blows them.

Brynley and **Eleanor** love exploring in the garden; digging in the dirt, learning to touch the trees budding flowers gently and finding sticks and rocks. Eleanor also enjoys working on her balance with the push cars while Brynley crawls on the stairs.

Easton can get a little restless in the afternoons, but when we sit him outside in the fresh air, he is happy as can be! With so much to see and hear, he is always happy. He also enjoys the constant attention of the Big Seeds talking to him, bringing him toys and rocking him gently in his chair.

There is so much opportunity for development of motor skills outside, but we often forget it's not just about giving them room to move around. There is so much opportunity for growth and development of the senses as well. They can feel the textures of the grass and dirt; hear the cars, planes, trains and barking dogs and so much more. We do try to limit tasting 😊. It is so much fun watching and helping them explore all these things this time of year. As it gets warmer, we will be bringing out some water activities to explore and help keep them cool in the hot summer months. We are so excited when it is good weather. We want it to stop raining now, (it can rain at night), as the babies are missing their outside time! We hope everyone has a great month, and the warm weather is here to stay.

Ms. Jolene, Ms. Melanie, and Ms. Tiina

