

September 1, 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Big Seed room!

Here is what you can expect every month in the Big Seed room.

Our curriculum consists of a monthly “study” that is age-appropriate with centers and activities that will build skill sets in the five areas of development: physical, language, cognitive, social-emotional and mathematics.

Each month our monthly newsletter highlights the skills the Big Seeds are working on and the activities that piqued their curiosity. Also included is a brief overview of what you can expect the following month.

Growing Tree has adopted Conscious Discipline as our social emotional model. We will incorporate three different activities throughout the day that relate to our emotions and build connections between teachers and children. These activities are a great way to help children focus on their emotions and self-regulation.

American Sign Language (ASL) is also incorporated into our monthly study. These signs will complement the study. See the bottom of newsletter for ASL descriptions.

Our September study is “Bust-a-Rhyme with some “oldies-but-goodies” nursery rhymes and maybe even a few new ones.

A little about us:

My name is **Jessica Freitag** and I have been a part of Growing Tree for twelve years now. I moved to Bend after graduating high school in Bandon, Oregon, where my family grows cranberries. I first came to Growing Tree because my older sister was teaching here and spoke very highly of this amazing

school. Growing Tree was my first job ever and after all this time I still love it here. I started out as an aide while I went to school for massage therapy at COCC and shortly after finishing my degree I was offered a full-time position. In February of 2016 I was offered a teaching position in Big Seeds. I love working with this awesome age group and I’m very excited to begin working with our new Big Seeds and with you, their parents. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in the classroom.

Hi there! My name is **Eva Beck** and am new here to Bend from Little Rock, Arkansas with my husband, Michael and our tabby cat, Dawes. We decided we wanted to live a slower and more simple life than we were living, and I think we’ve found that here on the west coast. I graduated from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas and have worked in childcare for over two years. I absolutely love working with children. Kids seeing the world and making sense of what’s around them with their sight, emotions or voice is so exciting to me and I love being a part of that experience. A few of my favorite things are camping, painting, chai, thrifting, photography and music. I’m so excited to get to know you all and I hope to be a blessing in your child’s life as I am sure they will be to mine.

Few Reminders:

- We will be sending home all your child’s belongings. This is a good time to update what is in their cubbies
- Please bring to your new classroom:
 - Diapers, wipes, creams/
 - Blankets for naptime
 - Extra clothes (please put your child initials on clothing tags)
 - Please feel free to bring in a pacifier, lovey, etc. anything you think will help your child feel more secure and relaxed in their new environment.

BOOKS:

- *Mother Goose: Book of Rhymes*
- *Pete the Ca*
- *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*

ASL:

More- Use both hands and on each hand connect the tips of all four fingers to your thumb. Then connect both hand by the fingertips and then separating. Repeat at least two times.

Please- take your hand with fingers extended and all together, and thumb extended and sticking out. Take the hand with palm facing in and rub it in a circle on your chest.

Thank You- touch your fingers to your chin and move that hand out and down into your other hand. It's almost like you are blowing a kiss to someone.

SONGS:

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high.
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle little star.

I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little teapot, short and stout.
Here is my handle, here is my spout.
When I get all steamed up, hear me shout
Tip me over and pour me out!

Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round,
Round and round, round and round.
The wheels on the bus go round and round
All through the town.

Additional verses:

Doors on the bus go.... open and close
The people on the bus go...up and down
The babies on the bus go...wa, wa, wa
The parents on the bus go...I love you
The wipers on the bus go...swish, swish, swish
The blinkers on the bus go...blink, blink, blink

The Itsy, Bitsy Spider

The itsy, bitsy spider
Went up the waterspout.
Down came the rain,
And washed the spider out.
Out came the sun
And dried up all the rain.
And the itsy, bitsy spider
Went up the spout again.

Baa, Baa Black Sheep

Baa, baa black sheep
Have you any wool?
Yes, Sir, yes, Sir, three bags full.
One for my master, one for my dame and
One for the little boy who lives down the lane.
Baa, baa black sheep
Have you any wool?
Yes, Sir. Yes, Sir, three bags full.

Enjoy your Labor Day,

Jessica and Eva

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Bust-a-Rhyme

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 CLOSED	3 New Skills Workshop: scribble art	4 New Skills Workshop: fingerpainting	5 New Skills Workshop: using a paintbrush	6 New Skills Workshop: sticky art
9 "The itsy, bitsy spider..."	10 "Down came the rain..."	11 Humpty Dumpty	12 Hickory Dickory Mice	13 Green and Speckled Frogs
16 "The cat and the fiddle..."	17 "...the cow jumped over the moon"	18 "The little dog laughed..."	19 "...the dish ran away"	20 The Wheels on the Bus
23 Teatime!	24 Do you know the muffin man?	25 Old MacDonald's Farm	26 Our Little Stars	27 "Baa, Baa"
30 Five Little Ducks				

Notes:

This Month's Books:
<i>Mother Goose:</i>
<i>Book of Rhymes</i>
<i>Pete the Cat:</i>
<i>Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star</i>
This Month's Songs:
"Itsy, Bitsy Spider"
"Baa, Baa Black Sheep"
"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"
"I'm a Little Teapot"
"The Wheels on the Bus"
This Month's Signs:
More, please and Thank You

Big Seeds

