

THE MONTHLY **BIG SEED**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

October 1, 2019

Dear Families,

Well Big Seed families, we did it! We made it through the first month! It has been busy in our classroom, to say the least, but things are starting to settle down and we are all getting into the rhythm of the new school year together. We are loving all the personalities in our new group and can't wait to see what's in store for all of us.

To start things off, we would like to welcome **Cormac** and his family to the Big Seed room and to Growing Tree. Cormac has been able to come and visit us a few times this past month and we are very excited he and his family are joining our classroom.

Archer is sadly leaving us and moving up to Sprout One. He has only been with us a few months, but we have loved our time getting to know him and his family. Good luck and have fun on your new adventure Archer!

As we said before, it has been busy in the Big Seed room and the children have spent the past month exploring their new environment. The big pom-poms in our sensory table have been a big hit with **Ellie**. She takes one in each hand and tries to stuff them into tiny spaces all over the classroom for her teachers to find later. **Chandler** becomes very excited when his teachers sing. His favorite song seems to be "If You're Happy and You Know It", especially when it comes to the "stomp your feet" verse. **Eleanor and Maeve** are our best audience and cheer for us at the end of every song. **Enzo** is our resident climber in the Big Seed room. He tries his hardest to go unseen when climbing on our tables but unfortunately for him we are now wise to his game. When teachers remind him that feet belong on the floor he just smiles, climbs down and goes on his way. **Clover** is full of smiles and loves a good laugh. When she observes something funny, she immediately points at the source of humor

and laughs excitedly until teachers look too and laugh with her. **Quinn** spends quite a bit of his time playing with the school buses. He carries them around until he finds the right area for his play, which is usually the table. He sits down at one end, pushes the bus away from him and watches it roll to the other end and fall off the end. **Brynley** babbles back and forth in full conversations with her teachers as well as repeats almost everything we say back to her. She then goes to her friends and repeats it to them with her eyebrows raised in a serious and matter-of-fact way. **Om** is really enjoying being around his new classmates. He has the biggest smile when he is engaging with another child in play. He also loves to play peek-a-boo with his teachers and is usually the one to start the game.

Fall is here and we will be spending the next month exploring it in our October study "Pumpkin Seeds and Falling Leaves"!

A few reminders:

- If you haven't heard yet the dates for pictures has been changed to October 24th and 25th. Make sure you fill out a form and turn it in at the front desk please.
- DD Ranch October 5th 930-11 a.m.
- Oct.31st, we do a Team Spirit day. Instead of wearing a costume dress your child in support of your favorite team.
- We can never be sure of what the weather will be like so please make sure your child has everything they will need i.e. jacket/coat; shoes; socks; and extra clothes
- If you haven't already brought a family photo in, please do so that we may add it to our family board

Lastly, we know it is only October but it's time to start thinking about snow. In the Big Seed room, we will still be going outside

during the winter and it is important that your child stays as warm as possible. Please make sure your child has a snowsuit, boots, warm hat and 2 pair of waterproof mittens (gloves are very difficult to put on little hands) Costco has great affordable mittens. Snow clothes and accessories really don't need to be brought in until November. We just wanted you to have time to gather what you need.

Books: *Welcome Fall; Where's Baby's Pumpkin?* and *Never Touch and Monster*

ASL:

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. Like "hang ten".

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.

Help- To sign help place your dominant hand, with thumb up, on top of your non-dominant palm and move both hands upwards.

Milk- The milk sign is a lot like milking a cow, but without the up and down motion – you are just squeezing the udder. You take your dominant hand, make it into a fist, squeeze, relax, and repeat.

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.

Pumpkin, Pumpkin

Pumpkin, pumpkin,

Sitting on the wall.

Pumpkin, pumpkin,

Tip and fall.

Pumpkin, pumpkin,

Rolling down the street.

Pumpkin, pumpkin,

Have a seat.

In the Apple Tree

Way up high in the apple tree

I spied an apple looking down at me.

I shook that tree as hard as I could,

Down came the apples and

HMMM they were good!

Leaves Falling Down

Leaves, leaves falling down

Falling all around,

Red and yellow, orange and brown

Leaves are falling down.

Oct-19

Pumpkin Seeds and Falling Leaves

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Leaf Pile	2 Stained-Glass Leaf	3 No-Mess Pumpkin Fingerpainting	4 Marble Paint Pumpkin
7 Jack-O-Lanterns	8 Leaf Scribble	9 Picking Acorns	10 Fall Tree	11 Caramel Apples
14 Fall Collage	15 Apple Painting	16 Candy Corn Toes	17 Five Little Pumpkins	18 Black Cats
21 My Friend says "Boo!"	22 Apple Stamping	23 Bats in the Air	24 Picture Day!	25 Class Picture Day!
28 Pumpkin Scribble	29 Fall Wreath	30 Pinecone Painting	31 Team Spirit Parade!	

Notes:

This Month's Books:
<i>Welcome Fall</i>
<i>Where's Baby's Pumpkin?</i>
<i>Never Touch a Monster</i>
This Month's Songs:
"In the Apple Tree"
"Five Little Pumpkins"
"Leaves Falling Down"
"Pumpkin, Pumpkin"
This Month's Signs:
Leaf
Help
Play
Milk

Big Seeds