

# THE MONTHLY **BIG SEED**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

February 1, 2020

Dear Families:

The Big Seeds have had a very smooth transition into the New Year!

To start off, please welcome our newest families to the Big Seed room and to Growing Tree:

**Talus** and **Logan** and their families have joined our happy group of toddlers and are thriving!

**Easton** is moving up from Seedlings and will also be joining us this month. He has been spending lots of time with us and we can't wait to officially call him a Big Seed.

**Theo** is learning how to blow kisses. Throughout the day he and Ms. Jessica practice blowing kisses to one another and he makes the sweetest "Mmah" sound as he does it.

**Maev** and **Chandler** are becoming quite the bookworms. **Maev** loves to sit on the book bench and look through all our books. **Chandler** loves to take animal books, his favorite, to teachers to read to him over and over.

**Enzo** and **Mac** have welcomed our new students in our class so warmly! They want to play with them immediately. **Enzo** waves at them and gives them little pats on the head to say hi and **Mac** tries to engage them while they play.

**Maddie** is just as friendly as can be and has nothing but smiles, gentle touches and waves for all her classmates and teachers.

**Benham** has been playing peek-a-boo with his teachers at diaper changing time! He'll cover his eyes and laugh until you say "Where's Benham?"

**Guy** gives the absolute best smiles! When he is really into something, like the rocking outside toy, he will grin from ear to ear from excitement!

We are looking forward to letting love take flight this month in our February study of Love and Birds!



**Books-** *Ten Little Kisses; Little Owl's Colors; Hoot: Counting Book; Snuggle Puppy; Little Eva Loves*

**Bird-** Make the *bird* sign by making a beak shape with your index finger and thumb and bringing those two fingers together to your mouth. Then tweet like a *bird*, by bringing your fingers together and apart.

**Love-** To sign *love*, make your hands into fists and cross your arms across your chest as if giving yourself a big squeeze.

**Help-** clasp hands together in front of your chest. (This is not the actual sign for "help". It has been modified by the children and this is their own interpretation of it.)



## Songs:

### Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks went out one day  
Over the hill and far away.  
When mama duck said quack, quack, quack  
Four little ducks came waddling back.  
Four little ducks...  
Three little ducks...  
Two...  
One...  
No little ducks...  
When daddy duck said quack, quack, quack  
Five little ducks came waddling back



### Two Little Blackbirds (finger play)

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill (both index fingers held in front of you)  
One named Jack, the other named Jill. (put fingers forward one at a time)  
Fly away Jack, fly away Jill. (hide behind back, first one and then the other)  
Come back Jack, come back Jill (bring back out, first one and then the other)



### Bluebird, Bluebird (Big Seed version)

Bluebird, bluebird through my window,  
Bluebird, bluebird through my window,  
Bluebird, bluebird come through my window,  
Oh, (enter child's name) aren't ya tired.  
Tickle a little girl and tap her on the shoulder,  
Tickle a little boy and tap him on the shoulder,  
Oh, (enter child's name) aren't ya tired.  
(Repeat as necessary)



### The More We Get Together (using sign language)

The more we get together, together, together.  
The more we get together, the happier we'll be.  
'Cause your friends are my friends,  
And my friends are your friends.  
The more we get together, the happier we'll be.

### If You Love Me and You Know It

(To the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It")  
If you love me and you know it clap your hands (clap, clap).  
If you love me and you know it clap your hands (clap, clap).  
If you love me and you know it, then your clap will surely show it.  
If you love me and you know it clap your hands (clap, clap).

Additional verses:

"Blow a kiss"

"Give a hug"

### Little Bird

Little bird, little bird fly around  
Up to the sky, down to the ground.

Little bird, little bird flap your wings  
Open your beak and sweetly sing.

Little bird, little bird fly to your nest  
Now it is time to take a rest.

### Reminders for February:

We do celebrate Valentine's Day with the traditional cards except instead of writing each child's name just sign your own child's name or have them sign it. During the morning we will have each child hand out their cards into handmade holders for each child.

**PLEASE NO CANDY** as we will be served a special Valentine's Day snack. Thank you!

We will be **CLOSED** February 17<sup>th</sup> for President's Day and teacher in-service day.

Thank you and Happy Valentine's Day!  
Jessica, Eva and Chloe

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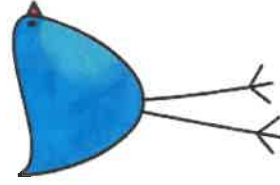
"A Little Birdie Told Me..."

**Notes:**

<b>This Month's Books:</b>
<i>Ten Little Kisses</i>
<i>Little Owl's Colors</i>
<i>Hoot: Counting Book</i>
<i>Snuggle Puppy</i>
<i>Little Eva Loves</i>
<b>This Month's Songs:</b>
"Five Little Ducks"
"Two Little Blackbirds"
"The More We Get Together"
"If You Love Me and You Know It"
"Bluebird, Bluebird"
<b>This Month's Signs:</b>
Bird. Love, Help

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Peacocks	4 Flock of Birds	5 Love Birds	6 Flamingos	7 "Love is in the air"
10 Be My Valentine Spongepainting	11 Sweet as Cookies	12 Slow and Steady Love	13 Bitten by the Love Bug	14 Tree of Love
17 <b>CLOSED</b>	18 Building a nest	19 What's inside the nest?	20 Spotting Snowy Owls	21 Scribble art Birds
24 "I love you to the moon and back"	25 Symmetry of the Heart	26 Heart Garland	27 Stuck Together Like Glue	28 Heart Bouquet

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A little bird told me...

