

July 1, 2020



Dear Families,

Just like that, it is July!

**Eleanor** and **Brynley** rejoined their Sprout classrooms. It was fun having them back for a short time!

**Easton** has returned to the Big Seeds and while he was gone, he has started walking, and talking.

**Mac's** first day back, found him giving hugs to all his classmates.

**Theo** has had the biggest smile on his face since he has returned.

**Rory** is so very polite he is the first one to say, "Thank you," to his teachers.

**Enzo** has started naming colors such as purple, green, and pink! He uses these color words as he picks out his paint colors during art

**Guy** is also very polite. His new favorite phrases have been "Help, please!" and "Thank you!" He says them and signs them at the same time!

**Chandler** is a real bookworm. He has explored all the books in our classroom this past month. His favorite book is *Foods with Moods*, which is a book about emotions.

**Finley** joined the Big Seeds this month. He is so close to walking. He pushes chairs, bikes, and tree stumps all over the classroom.

Our ocean study was a big hit. "Baby Shark" was the highlight for the Big Seeds. It once again won popularity by a tidal wave! As soon as the Big Seeds hear even just the first few notes, they immediately drop what they're doing and move closer to the speaker to better hear the words and participate in

the hand motions and bounce, spin and be-bop along with the upbeat song!

**Books:**

- *An All-American ABC*
- *Hello Texas*
- *Dinosaur Stomp*
- *Five Little Dinosaurs*
- *Never Touch a Dinosaur*

**Signs:**

- **Stars-** extend your two index fingers and hold them together up above your head. Raise and lower your two fingers alternatively. This sign should look like you are pointing out stars in the sky.
- **Dinosaur-** place your non-dominant arm with elbow bent creating a flat surface. Take your dominant arm and place it on top of the flat of your non-dominant positioned in a diagonal with the hand forming a head by putting fingers together. Move the dominant arm across the non-dominant arm as if the "dinosaur" is walking on the flat surface of the other arm.

**Reminders:**

- Growing Tree will be closed July 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Independence Day. Thank you and have a safe and fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July!
- We started in June with water play and will continue to do so during our afternoon outside time throughout the remainder of summer.
- Please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothes for us to keep on hand.

Thank you and happy Fourth of July!  
Jessica, Chloe, and Melissa

We would like to introduce Ms. Melissa! She will be floating between the Seedling and Big Seed classrooms. Here is a little information from Melissa:

Hi, I am Melissa!

I have loved getting to know your children these past couple of weeks and look forward to getting to know you and your child better.

I have a Master's in Early Childhood Education and have been working with young children for the past five years, most recently at Head Start.

I grew up in Medford, Oregon and moved to Bend in August of 2018. In my personal time I enjoy spending time with family, my dogs, and my cats. I love hiking, camping, and exploring all that Central Oregon has to offer.

Thank you!

### **Songs:**

- **Way Up in the Sky**

(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Wave, wave, wave the flag.

Hold it very high.

Watch the colors gently wave.

Way up in the sky.

March, march, march around.

Hold the flag up high.

Wave, wave, wave the flag.

Way up in the sky.

- **Dinosaur, Dinosaur**

Dinosaur, dinosaur, turn around.

Dinosaur, dinosaur, stomp the ground.

Dinosaur, dinosaur, show your claws.

Dinosaur, dinosaur, snap your jaws.

Dinosaur, dinosaur, turn around.

Dinosaur, dinosaur, sit back down!

- **I Want to Be a Great Big Dinosaur**

Oh, I want to be a great big dinosaur,

That is what I really want to be!

For if I were a great big dinosaur,

Everyone would run away from me....

Ahhhhhhhhh!!!!

- **My Little Dinosaur**

I had a little dinosaur.

I put it in my hat.

I let it ride around awhile,

And that was that.

I had a little dinosaur.

I put it in my shoe.

I let it ride around awhile-

Well, wouldn't you?

I had a little dinosaur.

I put it in my sleeve.

I let it ride around awhile

Till it had to leave.

I had a little dinosaur.

I put it in my bed.

I read it stories for a while.

"Good night!" it said.

# Red, White and Raaawwwrrr!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Marble Art Flag	2 Paper Plate Flag	3 CLOSED
6 Stars and Stripes	7 Painting Fireworks	8 Erupting Volcano	9 Dino Silhouette	10 "Rawr means I love you"
13 Class Stegosaurus	14 Dino Footprints	15 Stegosaurus Spikes	16 Green Dino	17 Cue Tip Tricerotops
20 Herd of Handasaures	21 Dobbered Dinos	22 Dinosaur Process Painting	23 Dino Suncatchers	24 "Peek-a-boo" Dinos
27 Flying Pterodactyl	28 Dino Egg	29 Dino Skeleton	30 Decorative Dino	31 Torn Paper Dino

**Notes:**

<b>This Month's Books:</b>
<i>Never Touch a Dinosaur</i>
<i>Hello Texas!</i>
<i>Five Little Dinosaurs</i>
<i>An All-American ABC</i>
<i>Dinosaur Stomp!</i>
<b>This Month's Songs:</b>
"Dinosaur, Dinosaur"
"I Want to be a Dinosaur"
"My Little Dinosaur"
"Way Up in the Sky"
<b>This Month's Signs:</b>
Stars
Dinosaurs

# Big Seeds