

THE MONTHLY **BIG SEED**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

October 1, 2020

Dear Big Seed Families,

Way to go Big Seed families! We made it through our first month, and now on to an exciting new month! Our class has been hard at work settling into their new schedule. We are loving all the personalities of our new little group, they sure make the day fun and exciting!

We would like to welcome **Parker** and his family into our Big Seed class. We are looking forward to having their family join us at Growing Tree. We will also welcome **Mackson** and **Autumn** from the Seedling room.

It has been busy in the Big Seed room as the children learn to explore their new environment. **Kate** and **Nora** are quite the dancers. They both stop in their play when our upbeat songs come on. **Kate** sways her hips side to side to the beat and **Nora** comes up to her teachers wanting to hold our hands as she says "Da, da!" **Tula** has made a smooth transition back into school. She is proving to be a very caring friend to those around her. Several times, teachers have seen **Tula** approach an upset child and lay her hand on them as if trying to comfort them. **Mason** is as adventurous as ever! He enjoys all things gross motor and climbing. **Mason** and **Finley** have both loved books this month! **Mason** particularly likes our book "*Meet Pete, Pete the Cat*" he makes a point to ask teachers throughout the day to read it to him. **Finley** loves our book "*Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*". **Finley** has also added "help, and more" to his word list!

Reminders:

- Fall is here, which means colder weather! Please bring a jacket with your child in their bag at the beginning of week as well as shoes and socks so we can play in all types of weather outside!

- On Friday, October 30, we will have Team Day. Instead of dressing your child in costume, dress them in support of their favorite team!

We know that is it only October, but it is time to start thinking about snow. In the Big Seed room, we will still go outside during the winter months and it is important that your child stay as warm as possible. Please make sure your child has a snowsuit, boots, warm hat, and water-resistant gloves or mittens (we would love to have 2 pairs, so they have time to dry). Costco is a good place to start, they typically carry snowsuits and tiny mittens. We also recommend buying boots a size bigger so that they are not too tight on their feet and last a bit longer. Snow clothes and accessories do not need to be brought in until November. This is just to get you thinking about what your child will need and if you need to order online it gives you plenty of time to do so.

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

Thank you, parents for your patience with our changes around drop off and pick up. It is working better than expected!

We will let you know on FRIDAY what supplies (diapers, wipes, etc.) your child will need for the following week. Please bring the supplies in on Monday in your child's bag that stays at school all week.

Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!
Jessica, Chloe, and Melissa

Books:

- Welcome Fall
- Where's Baby's Pumpkin?
- Never Touch and Monster

Signs:

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. Similar to "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.

Songs: Continued.**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-20

Pumpkin Seeds and Falling Leaves

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Pumpkin Patch	2 No-Mess Fingerpaint Leaf
5 Handprint Leaves	6 Leaves Leaves Falling Down	7 Fall Wreath	8 Leaf Suncatch	9 No-Mess Fingerpaint Pump.
12 Marblepaint Leaves	13 Catching Acorns	14 Painting Pumpkins	15 Leaf Scribble	16 Yummy Caramel Apples
19 Negative Space Tree	20 Paint Pinecones	21 Chewy Candy Corn	22 Pumpkin Pie	23 Jack-o-lantern
26 Candy Corn Toes	27 Mr. Frankenstein	28 Friendly Little Monsters	29 My friend says, "Boo!"	30 Bats in the air

Notes:

This Month's Books:
<i>Welcome Fall</i>
<i>Where's Baby's Pumpkin</i>
<i>Never Touch a Monster</i>
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