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The infant playground at Camp Danielle is always a hive of activity with orangutans left and right, above and below. The wild calls to Jeffrey Junior.

If he's not playing in the Infant Playground, he is ensconced in the surrounding canopy of the Learning Forest. He grabs life by the horns and runs with it, straight into the trees! He tumbles his way around forest school, leaving his peers in the dust. Swinging from branch to branch (or "brachiating"), he uses his strong arms and powerful grip to propel himself onward. He doesn't just climb, he soars, never looking back, happily whiling away the day.

His caregivers keep a watchful eye on this little buccaneer, ensuring he doesn't stray too far. When Jeffrey Junior decides he has had enough for one day he nonchalantly heads back home, his eyes acting as windows into his mind which seems to be feverishly working away processing the day's events. His caregivers have next to no trouble enticing him back to his sleeping enclosure, where he can socialize with his "roommates" Kuba and Rimba Raya. Staff can also easily coax him back with treats like iced fruit on a hot day, or leafy branches to play with. He is content for now to use the branches to thrash about or tap his playmates on the head. But he still has much to learn about nest making.

It seems like only yesterday that Jeffrey Junior arrived into OFI's care. Although he still has much to learn, his tenacity and robust character will steer him on the right path towards full rehabilitation. For now, he maximises his time with play and derring-do.

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