

December 1st, 2017

## Dear Families,

We are so proud of your Blossom tree experts. Over the past weeks we've identified many different kinds of trees, investigated their characteristics, and explored their life cycles. We learned why trees are so special and important to us and to our world. We hope your children will continue to seek more answers and ask more questions about trees.

Last week, we ended our tree study. Beginning December 4th, we'll begin our fairy tale unit. Over the next few weeks, we'll see, perform, retell, represent and discover our favorite fairy tales. Along with exploring the elements of a fairy tale, we'll also learn about characters, setting, problem-solving, resolution, sequence, patterns in stories and we'll compare and contrast our favorite stories and books. We'll act out stories, create a puppet and shadow box theater, and we'll be going on a Fairy Tale scavenger hunt that will involve many of our Fairy Tale characters (and fellow GT staff too!). We're so excited for this fun, adventurous, imaginative unit to begin!

Please remember that we spend many hours outside and your child's comfort is important to us. Please bring a pair of gloves, a hat, warm boots or shoes, and warm, mid-layer or slip over leggings (especially for those in tights or shorts!) and snow-pants (as needed) for your child that can be left each day of the week at school. Please label as best as possible and model, practice and encourage your child to be responsible with their items at to return their items to their cubbies each day.



In January the Blossoms will begin the Buildings Study. If you feel you have something you can share with our class, as a visiting expert, with materials or other informational items—please speak with us this next month so we can plan to have you in!

We look forward to celebrating with you at the **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Monday, December 11th**. Santa will arrive at **5:45pm**.

Growing Tree will be closed Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st, 2018 in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day.

We are so grateful to you for sharing your creative, kind, curious, clever, capable, caring children with us each day.

We wish you well—Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

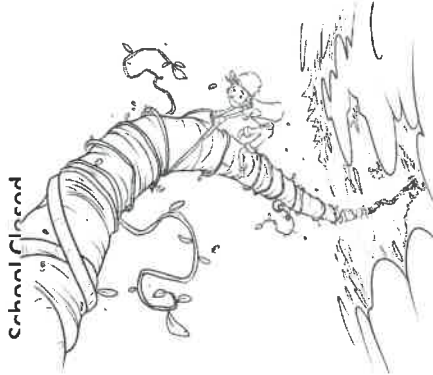
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**Notes:**

- DEC. 11:  
- Holiday Sing-a-long  
5:45pm UU Fellowship
- DEC. 25:  
- School Closed
- JAN. 1:  
School Closed



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 The Three Little Pigs	5 The Three Little Pigs	6 The Three Little Pigs	7 Jack & The Beanstalk	8 Jack & The Beanstalk
11 The Billy Goats Gruff	12 The Billy Goats Gruff	13 The Billy Goats Gruff	14 Goldilocks & The Three Bears	15 Goldilocks & The Three Bears
18 Little Red Riding Hood	19 Little Red Riding Hood	20 Little Red Riding Hood	21 Frosty The Snowman	22 Frosty The Snowman
25 School Closed	26 Cinderella	27 Cinderella	28 Rapunzel	29 Rapunzel
1 Christmas	3 School Closed	4 New Year's Day	5 ..... coming up next: The Buildings Study .....	6 ..... coming up next: The Buildings Study .....

