

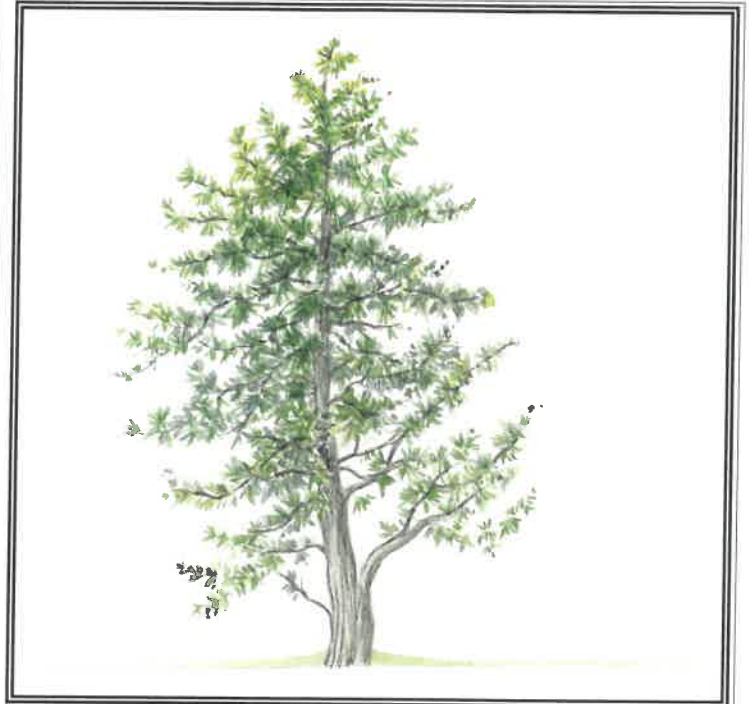
OCTOBER, 1ST 2018

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe the first month of school is behind us! Over these past few weeks we have been learning more and more about your children—their likes and dislikes, their interests, and how we can best support them over the next 11 months.

You may have heard your child talking about their 'life skills.' These are the 5 skills we have been teaching this past month with our puppets Kinderoo and Joey. In your child's file you will find a set of handouts addressing each of the life skills for you to keep and utilize. They do not need to be returned to school or completed. They are tools for you and your children to explore in whatever way works for you. Your child may be very interested in discussing the life skills at home with you, as this will reflect an important part of their daily life at school for the rest of the year. As we move into studying topics each month we will continue to learn that everyone is different, but we share the same things inside—we all want to belong, to feel safe, to feel loved, and to be happy.

On Monday October 1st we will begin our Tree Study. This will be the first of many month long studies in the Blossom Room. During this investigation we will explore trees of all kinds, the life cycle of trees, how trees change and protect our forests, as well as different arboreal animals. Your children will collect 'artifacts' and observe trees daily. We will create tree art, tree stories, read tree books, and perform tree experiments. If you have any interest, resources, stories, photographs, songs, a connection in the community or an idea to share relating to trees please send an email, call or let us know at arrival or departure!



Picture day is next week! We are happy to help your child into more comfortable clothes after they have been photographed. However, in order to support the largest number of children possible, we will not be able to help with styling your child's hair or choose clothes for more than one option. **PLEASE dress your child in the clothes you would like them to be photographed in.**

If you ever have concerns, ideas, questions, suggestions, or just want to check-in don't hesitate to approach us at arrival or departure. We are so grateful to you for sharing your creative, kind, curious, clever, capable, caring children with us each day.

We wish you well,

Emily, Tim, Joey, and Kinderoo

October 4th-5th– Pictures

October 5th-First Friday

October 6th-DD Ranch from 9am-11am

Oct. '18

The Tree Study

Reminders:

- Oct. 4th - Picture Day
- Oct. 5th - First Friday
- Oct. 6th - DD Ranch
9am - 11am



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 What species are our local trees?	2 What species are our local trees?	3 What species are our local trees?	4 What species are our local trees?	5 What species are our local trees?
8 How do trees change?	9 How do trees change?	10 How do trees change?	11 How do trees change?	12 How do trees change?
15 What do trees give us?	16 What do trees give us?	17 What do trees give us?	18 What do trees give us?	19 What do trees give us?
22 What animals live in trees?	23 What animals live in trees?	24 What animals live in trees?	25 What animals live in trees?	26 What animals live in trees?
29 Play Week	30 Play Week	31 Halloween Play		

