

THE MONTHLY BLOOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

January 1, 2019

Dear Families,

“We decked the halls with bows of holly, fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!” -Evie

We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Hanukkah and Christmas in many different nations. We made latkes, spun dreidels, painted poinsettias, decorated our own Christmas tree, went caroling, made celebratory drums, and enjoyed Pfeffernüsse cookies from Germany. Thank you for all your support at home that made this unit so exciting!

Questions to ask your holiday celebrations expert:

- *Why do Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah?*
- *What is your favorite holiday tradition our family does?*
- *Did you enjoy the German Christmas legend of cobwebs turning into tinsel?*
- *What shenanigans was Buddy the Elf up to in the Blossom room?*

Germs—downright, disgusting, mean, no good and nasty—the kind that make you sick that is. We can't see them with our eyes, but we know they are there and there are a few simple things we can do each day to keep them away. We'll draw germs, find out where we should sneeze and cough, we'll learn how germs are passed along and what to do to keep them at bay. We're excited to see what we find out!

We do our best to keep your children's hats and gloves safe at school and convenient for you and them to find. We encourage Blossom's to use

their 'blue basket' at the top of their cubby. Your encouragement goes a long way! Thank you for helping us stay, oh so warm!

Please **label clothing** as best as possible and model, practice and encourage your child to be responsible with their items and to return their items to their cubbies each day. You are welcome to bring a set of simple, comfortable slippers for your child.

As colder weather arrives and we have less space in cubbies to store items we are going to be asking Blossoms to choose **one small stuffy** to bring to school for nap each day. Your helpfulness is appreciated!

Growing Tree will be closed December 24th - 25th, and December 31st - January 1st.

Thank you for warm and thoughtful wishes this Christmas season! We're so fortunate to be a part of Growing Tree and its amazing families and children. We hope you know how dear to us your children are.

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, Kinderoo & Joey

*Happy
New Year!*

January '19

Life Skills. Germs & Hygiene

Notes:

- Dec. 31st-Jan. 1st - New Year's Eve & Day
- Jan. 4th - First Friday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 No School New Year's Eve	2 No School New Year's Day	3 New Year's Celebrations	4 New Year's Celebrations	
7 Being Helpful Review	8 Being Helpful Review	9 Being Helpful Review	10 Being Helpful Review	11 Being Helpful Review
14 Germs & Hygiene	15 Germs & Hygiene	16 Germs & Hygiene	17 Germs & Hygiene	18 Germs & Hygiene
21 Germs & Hygiene	22 Germs & Hygiene	23 Germs & Hygiene	24 Germs & Hygiene	25 Germs & Hygiene
28 Play Week	29 Play Week	30 Play Week	31 Play Week	

