

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Blossom Classroom. We're excited to begin a great partnership with you! It's hard to believe that summer is almost behind us now and we're moving into another school year.

Please remember to turn in your child info packets, including the surveys attached to the front desk as soon as possible.

Over the next two week we'll be introducing your child to our classroom, our expectations and working to encourage a sense of ownership, belonging and community for the Blossoms. This will include revisiting hand washing and hygiene, our school rules and playing fun and engaging games that help us assess where we can best support your child in their goals.

We'll be moving from our classroom introduction into our first study – What Do We Know about Recycling? In this study we'll be investigating waste and its effects, ways to reduce waste and pollution, generating ideas for reusing and repurposing materials, and creating our own recycling center. On Wednesday, September 14th we'll be taking a field trip to Deschutes Solid Waste to tour the landfill and recycling center.

We'd like to collect as many recyclables as possible from you. Any items we're unable to use in the classroom we'll be happy to recycle for you or dispose of. This includes bottle caps, small card-paper and card-board containers, plastics, soft-edge tin and aluminum cans, glass bottles, and plastic and metal bottle caps. We'll use these items for sorting, creating art, and as hands-on materials for investigating. A list of recyclable items for Deschutes County will be posted on our Parent Information board.

As always, we welcome you to spend time in our classroom if you're available. We'll always have room for you and our door is always open. If you're interested in volunteering during our field trip please let any of your child's teachers know. If you have an idea, a book, a story or a game or activity about recycling or waste you'd like to share we'd be happy to find a convenient time for you and if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact any of your child's teachers at any point.

We're looking forward to a wonderful beginning of the year and we're so happy to call ourselves and your child 'Blossoms'.

All the best to you!

Lane, Linda, Caroline, Amy