

**Dear Families,**

**It's hard to believe a year has passed! Thank you all for joining us at the Growing Tree celebration BBQ. It's so special to see our community come together for an evening.**

**It's been a pleasure learning from you this year and gaining insight into your children's goals and needs. Thank you for all your dedication to your child's care. We so value your donations, visits, phone calls, and consistent encouragement and support.**

**We now return your children to you, the same children you so confidently entrusted to our care last fall. They attained growth in spite of us. It has been our pleasure and privilege to watch their personalities unfold day-by-day. We give them back reluctantly for having spent twelve months together playing, sleeping, eating, and teaching them to handle their accomplishments and upsets together has grown us close. We have become a small part of each other for a small while and we shall always retain a little of one another.**

**Years from now, if we meet on the street, a light will shine to our eyes, to our faces, and we will feel the bond of understanding once more, this bond we feel today.**

**We have lived, loved, laughed, played, studied, investigated, learned and enriched our lives together this year. We explored our own beating hearts, sang about the great forests that surround us, and learned about the wild blue ocean that calls us to its adventure and mystique. We wish it could go on indefinitely, but we must return them to you and to the bright futures ahead of them and all the other teachers who will surely adore and dote upon your children. We know you will take care of them, for they are so precious.**

**Remember that we will always be interested in your children and their destiny. Wherever they go, whatever they do, whoever they become. Their joys and sorrows we will always be happy to share.**

**With Love,**

**Your Blossom Teachers, Lane, Linda, and Samantha**