

# THE MONTHLY BLOOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

February 1, 2019

"The sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever." -Jacques Cousteau

Dear Families,

We are so proud of all our knowledgeable germ experts! In only two weeks Blossoms have added numerous complex words to their repertoire. During circle time discussions and free play explorations you are likely to hear words such as "microbes, observation, specimen, microscope, etc." We observed actual germs through a microscope, explored how germs spread, and practiced good hygiene routines. Thank you for all of the support and excitement you contributed to this study at home. We had so much fun!

Questions to ask your germ buster:

- *Where are microbes? How can we see them?*
- *How can we stop bad germs (microbes) from spreading?*
- *What was your favorite specimen to observe using a microscope?*
- *Are all germs (microbes) bad?*

This February we will be following your children's' interests by diving into a ocean study. We will begin our study by identifying ocean animals and features we are familiar with have connections to share. We will then focus on different ocean environments, ocean animals, and finally ocean changes such as waves and the effects of warming water. If you have any materials, items, stories or photographs to share please let us know. We are eager to begin exploring all the wonders of the sea!

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!

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 February 18th for President's Day.

As always, 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



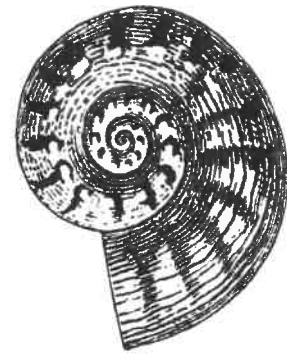
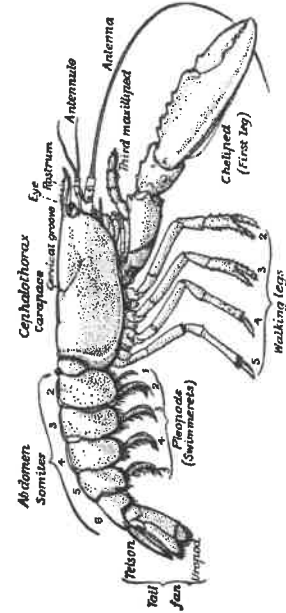
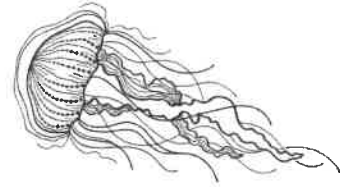
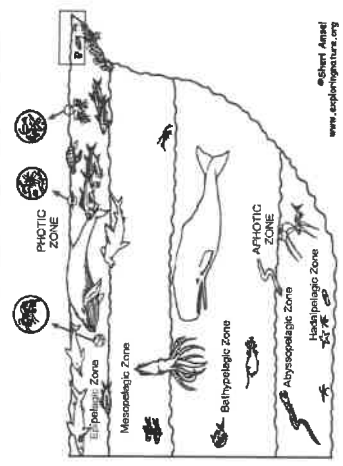
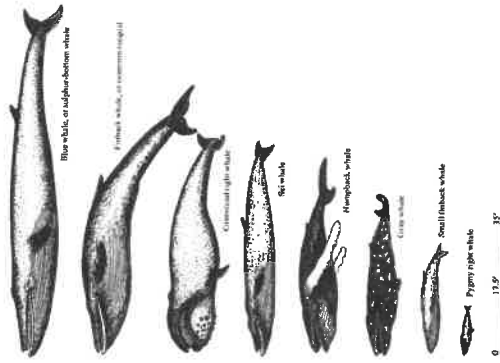
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# OCEAN EXPLORATIONS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5	6	7	8
What do we know about the ocean?	What do we know about the ocean?	What do we know about the ocean?	What do we know about the ocean?	What do we know about the ocean?
11	12	13	14	15
Ocean Environments Polar	Ocean Environments Rocky Coast	Ocean Environments Sandy Coast	Valentine's Day	Ocean Environments Open Sea
18	19	20	21	22
President's Day No School	Ocean Animals	Ocean Animals	Ocean Animals	Ocean Animals
25	26	27	28	1
Ocean Zones/Layers	Ocean Zones/Layers	Ocean Changes Effects of Warming Water	Ocean Changes Waste	Ocean Changes Waste

Notes:

- Feb. 1st - First Friday
- Feb. 18th - Presidents Day - No School



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