

THE MONTHLY BLOOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

April 1, 2020

Dear Families,

Thank you for your support and contributions during our building study and this strange time. Despite changes, the Blossoms enjoyed exploring real building tools and materials, learning about notable architects and famous buildings, and much more.

Questions to ask your engineer and architect:

- *How many doors, windows, etc. does our house have? What are the other building features in our home?*
- *What building materials would you use to build a strong building?*
- *Are there any buildings in our community that remind you of buildings designed by Frank Lloyd Wright?*
- *Which architect do you think designed the most interesting buildings? (Frank Lloyd Wright, Zaha Hadid, Antoni Gaudi, Frank Gehry, Santiago Calatrava)*
- *What is the tallest skyscraper in the world?*

This April we are going to explore the Beaver State and many of its important animal species. We are hopeful that this study will lend itself well to our backyard and virtual learners. We will begin with beavers—a keystone species that creates invaluable habitat for many animals. We'll use real artifacts, legends and observations of beavers, their homes and their habitats to investigate the creatures that once dominated the West. As we continue our study we'll learn the life cycle of salmon as they mysteriously move downstream to the ocean and back again. Over the following weeks we will explore the birds of

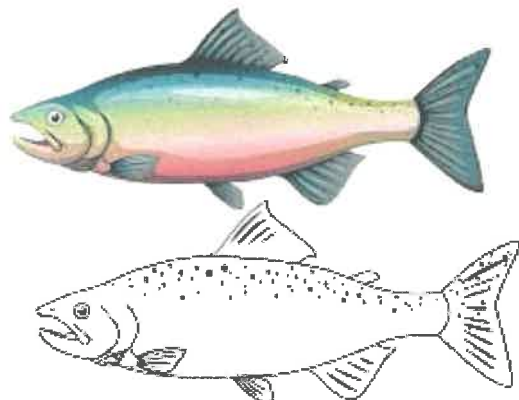
Oregon and end our study learning about our beloved coyote, the legendary figure of great wild western America. If you have any materials, items, stories or photographs to share please let us know!

We hope to expand our use of Seesaw this month to incorporate more interactive activities and sharing you can do from home. Stay posted and please share any feedback you have from your experiences.

Thank you all again for your understanding and patience during this confusing time. Please know that Growing Tree, Ms. Gale and I will continue to support your children's growth whether in person or from a distance. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

We are so grateful to you for sharing your creative, kind, curious, clever, capable, caring children with us this year.

We wish you well,
Emily, Gale, Coyote, Kinderoo & Joey



April '20

Oregon Animals

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
	Famous Buildings	Famous Buildings	Famous Buildings	Famous Buildings
6	7	8	9	10
Beavers	Beavers	Beavers	Beavers	Beavers
13	14	15	16	17
Salmon	Salmon	Salmon	Salmon	Salmon
20	21	22	23	24
Birds	Birds	Birds	Birds	Birds
27	28	29	30	1
Coyotes	Coyotes	Coyotes	Coyotes	Animals We See Everyday

