

THE MONTHLY BLOOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

June 1, 2020

Dear Families,

"Why try to explain miracles to your kids when you can just have them plant a garden." - Robert Brault

While the gardening study is coming to an end, our plants are certainly not done growing! The beauty of this study is being able to apply our knowledge and enjoy the plants and greenhouse throughout the summer. At school Blossoms especially loved all the hands on learning we tackled, whether it was covering a sunflower seed with soil, delicately measuring a worm over a ruler, or sipping on dandelion tea. We learned to treasure many of our backyard critters and profusely thank bees for their tireless and critical work.

Conversations to have with your Blossoming botanist:

- *How can greenhouses be a good environment for plants to grow.*
- *How does the life of a plant become a cycle?*
- *What critters live in our yard/garden that either help or hurt the plants?*
- *What plants do you find beautiful in our neighborhood or garden?*
- *How can plants be used to heal?*
- *Trick question... Are bees or trees more important?*

Starting in June we will begin our Artist Study, this unit has been a blossom and teacher favorite in the past. This group is already so artistically inspired and inclined, we cannot wait to jump in. Over the month we will travel through

significant art movements and several of the key artists within each. We will explore and appreciate diversity in different art mediums, techniques, and artists themselves. We will execute several recreations of each artist's work. A highlight of this study will be a final showcase, "The Blossom Art Show, with all the masterpieces created through the month. We are optimistic about the opportunities that facilitating this event virtually could bring. When we determine the best platform to do this through, we will post an announcement on Seesaw. While hosting local artists and family members in the classroom is not feasible, we are hoping to visit with artists virtually. **If you, a family member, or friend is an artist in any form, please share your expertise with us!** We are extremely excited to let our creativity soar this month and hope many of you at home will follow along with us!

The Blossoms continue to treasure all the virtual connections we have with many of our friends and families at home. Thank you to all the families who have join us for one or many of our lunchtime Zooms, while being brief and seemingly unremarkable, these have become a weekly highlight for Blossoms at school. If you have not joined us yet, we highly encourage you to do so. If you have any technological or logistical questions, please call!

In missing the presence of Blossoms at home, Blossoms at school have shared many genuine and heartfelt appreciations for their classmates. These sentiments have been a source of light in our classroom lately, here are a few we wanted

to share with you.

- "I miss how nice Wesley always makes us feel." - Parker
- "I miss building cool towers with Decker, he has good ideas." - Soren
- "I miss pretending to be leprechauns with Theo, he's silly." - Adelyn
- "I miss being silly with June, she giggles a lot." - Meera

This month all our Growing Tree teachers are sharing Coronavirus blessings:

Ms. Gale- "The extra time has allowed me to go through family photos. It's been nice going through all our memories from before things went digital."

Ms. Emily- "I have enjoyed taking up a few amateur wood working projects with my extra time at home."

Thank you for your continued 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.

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

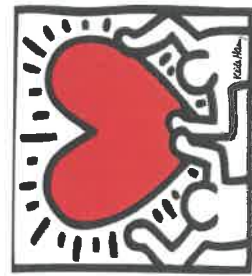
We wish you well,
Emily, Gale, Coyote, Kinderoo & Joey



June '20

Artist Study

The Color Wheel



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Impressionism Claude Monet	2 Impressionism Claude Monet	3 Impressionism Piet Mondrian	4 Impressionism Edgar Degas	5 Impressionism Edgar Degas
8	Post-Impressionism Vincent Van Gogh	9 Post-Impressionism Vincent Van Gogh	10 Ukiyo-e Katsushika Hokusai	11 Surrealism Salvador Dali	12 Surrealism Salvador Dali
15	Surrealism Frida Khalo	16 Surrealism Frida Khalo	17 Expressionism Pablo Picasso	18 Expressionism Pablo Picasso	19 Expressionism Wassily Kandinsky
22	Modern Art Georgia O'Keeffe	23 Modern Art Georgia O'Keeffe	24 Modern Art Keith Haring	25 Modern Art Keith Haring	26 Modern Art Jackson Pollock
29	Modern Art Jean-Michel Basquiat	30 Modern Art Local Street Artists	1 Modern Art Yayoi Kusama	2 Modern Art Yayoi Kusama	3 Blossom Art Show