

THE MONTHLY BLOSSOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

July 1, 2020

Dear Families,

"I found I could say things with color and shapes that I couldn't say any other way—things I had no words for." - Georgia O'Keeffe

June was a colorful and beautiful mess of working hands and creativity. The blossoms could not be more proud of everything they have produced and learned about. Conversations you might have heard this month include comments like, "If Salvador Dali painted flowers they would probably look melty," or "I am going to use mostly warm colors like Georgia O'Keeffe in my picture." We learned about Frida Kahlo's bravery and prolific self-portraits, Vincent Van Gogh's vibrant colors, and Yayoi Kusama's infinite dots. We deeply enjoyed watching the blossoms identify with many of the artists' experiences and develop their own art heroes.

Conversations to have with your artist:

- *Can you find texture/contrast/value in artwork around our home?*
- *What types of artwork did Salvador Dali create? Which were your favorite?*
- *Which art project did you enjoy creating most? Which are you most proud of?*
- *Whose artwork made you feel happy/curious/strange? How can art make you feel different ways?*
- *Which artist would you want to be friends with?*

Our next blossom unit will be our Music Study. Throughout July we will learn about the five

instrument families played in classical, jazz and rock music. We will create our own instruments and explore how several real instruments produce their unique sounds. If you have a transportable instrument you would like to lend the blossoms, please let us know. If you or a family member are a musician of any degree we would love to share your talent over Zoom! It should be a joyful and harmonious month!

Wednesday, July 22 is the Blossom Graduation! Graduation will be held from 6:30-7:30 on our Growing Tree playground. While graduation will certainly look different this year, the magnitude of every blossom's growth and accomplishments this year is worth celebrating. Please let Tammy know if you and your family will be able to join us.

Thank you for your continued understanding and patients 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





July '20

Music Study

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Modern Art Yayoi Kusama	2 Modern Art Yayoi Kusama	3 CLOSED
6 Music & Instruments We	7 String Instruments	8 String Instruments	9 Famous Musician Yo-Yo Ma	10 Famous Musician Jimi Hendrix
13 Woodwind Instruments	14 Famous Musician YolanDa Brown	15 Famous Musician Sabine Meyer	16 Percussion Instruments	17 Famous Musician John Bonham
20 Brass Instruments	21 Brass Instruments	22 Famous Musician Louis Armstrong	23 Famous Musician Chris Botti	24 Keyboard Instruments
27 Famous Musician Alicia Keys	28 Famous Musicians Elton John	29 Vocals	30 Famous Musician Elvis Presley	31 Famous Musicians Aretha Franklin

Notes:

- July 3rd - Closed for Independence Day
- July 22nd - Blossom

