

THE MONTHLY BLOOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

August 1, 2020

Dear Families,

"I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning" - Plato

The music study was a blast! The Blossoms loved creating music with a wide variety of instruments including, the autoharp, electric guitar, keyboard, and maracas. The Blossoms discussed why they prefer jazz music to classical and revered Yo-Yo-Ma for his long and diverse career in music. We clearly have many blossoming musicians in our room!

Conversations to have with your musician:

- *What family does your favorite instrument belong to?*
- *What items can we use at home to take turns creating different rhythms?*
- *Which types of music do you enjoy listening to?*
- *Whose music made you feel happy/curious/strange?*
- *How many different rhythms can you clap using quarter notes, half notes, whole notes, and rests?*

To wrap up the year we will engage in 4 weeklong studies selected by the blossoms. Our explorations will include

- Germs,
- Kings and Queens
- Rocks and minerals
- Mermaids and Unicorns

The first week of August we will review our germ knowledge and vocabulary and use it to carry on new relevant experiments. We will then research several notable kings and queens before becoming royalty ourselves. Following this week, we will dive into rocks and minerals, the Blossoms are interested in learning about how stones get their color as well as the mining process. We will end our month by returning to fairytales and legends that feature unicorns and mermaids. The Blossoms are beyond excited to begin these explorations.

Thank you for joining us at the Blossom Graduation Ceremony. It was so wonderful to all come together for an evening of celebration and fun!

It has been such a pleasure learning and working with all of you this year to support your children's needs and growth. We so appreciate all the time, donations, and encouragement you shared with the Blossom community. We now return your children to you, the same children you so kindly entrusted to our care last fall. It has truly been a privilege to watch each of their personalities develop and unfold every day. In less than a year, through our many accomplishments and mistakes we have become a family.

We have loved, laughed, played, investigated, learned, and grown together this year. We explored the great strength of a rooted tree, built marvelous structures inspired by the designs of Gaudi and Wright, studied our own beating hearts, and thoughtfully critiqued the work of

globally renowned artists. We have grown closer and lifted each other up amid the chaos. While we wish we could continue exploring with this extraordinary group of Blossoms, we are excited to share them with all their future teachers who will undoubtedly adore them just as we have.

Alas, we are grateful to you for sharing your creative, kind, curious, clever, capable, caring children with us every day this year.

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



August '20

Germs, Royalty, Rocks & Unicorns

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7	
	Germs	Germs	Germs	Germs	Germs
10	11	12	13	14	
	Kings & Queens	Kings & Queens	Kings & Queens	Kings & Queens	Kings & Queens
17	18	19	20	21	
	Rocks & Minerals	Rocks & Minerals	Rocks & Minerals	Rocks & Minerals	Rocks & Minerals
24	25	26	27	28	
	Unicorns & Mermaids	Unicorns & Mermaids	Unicorns & Mermaids	Unicorns & Mermaids	Unicorns & Mermaids
31	1	2	3	4	
	Transitions	Transitions	Transitions	CLOSED	CLOSED

Notes:

- Sept. 3rd & 4th - Closed for Teacher Work Day

