

# THE MONTHLY BLOSSOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

September 1, 2020

Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year blossom families! We are so excited to begin this journey with you. Over the next four weeks we have three simple goals:

- 1) Get to know your children and their likes and dislikes.
- 2) Build relationships and become comfortable in our new environment.
- 3) Have fun together!

Over these four weeks we will teach your children the expectations and procedures of the Blossom classroom and introduce the skills they will utilize throughout the year. We will do this through games, stories and activities.

What to expect each day in the first four weeks:

- An art technique/process/material will be explored
- Your child will begin to learn yoga poses and mindful breathing practices
- Lots of outdoor play and 'free play'
- High-quality, engaging and content-rich books

After this first month of becoming acquainted with each other and our new classroom environment, we will enter our first study. Each month we will begin a new study. Past blossom studies we have enjoyed include topics such as trees, the human body, fairy tales, buildings, and artists among others. We look forward to finding out where your children's interests take us this year!

Your child will always be learning something new. Some days it will come home in their hands, some days it will come home in their mind, and some days it will come home in their hearts.

Let us introduce ourselves!

Gale - I have been teaching early childhood for 19 years. I started my journey at a daycare/preschool and worked for Head Start. When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my husband, kids, grand kids, my sisters and my dad. I also enjoy driving, walking, bowling, going to the movies, and being around friends.

Emily - I am thrilled to be entering my fourth year as a Blossom teacher. My previous experience was teaching kindergarten in the Portland area. Since moving to Bend I have enjoyed skiing, hiking and playing with my dog Ruby!

Tips for Day 1 in the Blossom Room:

- Arrive before breakfast (8:15am) for a smooth transition and give your child the opportunity to experience all we have planned.
- Per our Growing Tree policy—no outside toys or food will be allowed—this is for the comfort, health and safety of all our children.
- For nap time we ask that all families send their children with a BLANKET.

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

