

# THE MONTHLY BLOSSOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

July 1, 2021

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'Keefe

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. Conversations you might have heard this month include comments like, "If Salvador Dali painted a dinosaur it would probably look super melty," or "You look as beautiful as Frida," and "I think I'll use mostly warm colors like Georgia O'Keefe in my drawing!" We learned about Frida Kahlo's bravery and prolific self portraits, Vincent Van Gogh's vibrant colors, and Yayoi Kusama's infinite dots. Blossoms were particularly fascinated by Mt. Fuji, as featured in all of Katsushika Hokusai's prints—who is coincidentally our favorite artist to say out loud. We deeply enjoyed watching the Blossoms identify with many of the artists' experiences and develop their own art heroes. Thank you for supporting the Blossoms and our classroom in our art show and auction, it was so much fun welcoming everyone into our world!

Questions to ask 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. Highlights from past years have been an electric guitar, trumpet, and accordion. 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 either in person or over Zoom! It should be a joyful and harmonious month!

**Wednesday, July 28 is the Blossom Graduation!** Graduation will be held on our Growing Tree playground. The magnitude of every Blossom's growth and accomplishments this year is certainly worth celebrating. Please let Tammy know if you and your family will be able to join us.

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, Kristine, Jacque, Coyote, Kinderoo &  
Joey

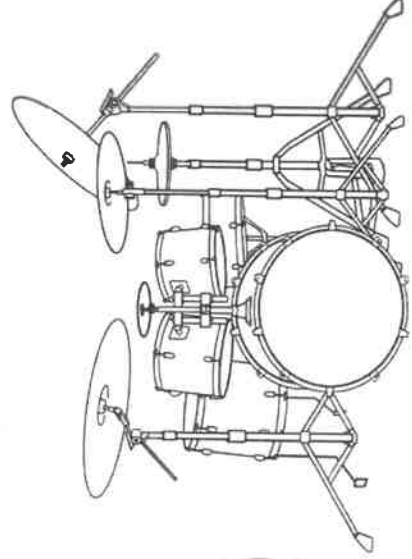
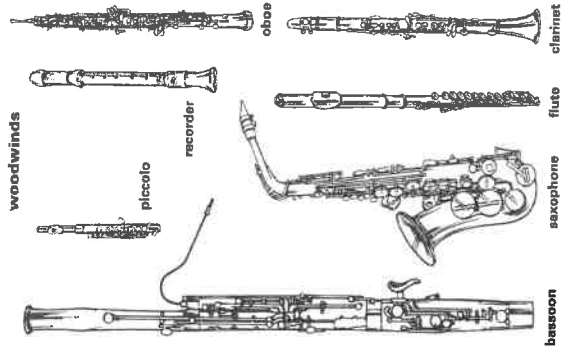


# July '21

## Music Study

Notes:

- July 1st - Blossom Art Show & Auction
- July 5th - No School
- July 28th - Blossom Graduation



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28	29	30	1	2
			Blossom Art Show!	Art Reflections
5	6	7	8	9
No School	How do string instruments make sounds? How are we inspired by them?	How do string instruments make sounds? How are we inspired by them?	Yo-yo Ma	Jimi Hendrix
12	13	14	15	16
String Instruments	String Instruments	String Instruments	String Instruments	String Instruments
How do woodwind instruments make sounds?	How do woodwind instruments make sounds?	How do woodwind instruments make sounds?	How do percussion instruments sound?	How do percussion instruments sound?
Woodwind Instruments	YolanDa Brown	Sabine Meyer	Percussion Instruments	John Bonham
19	20	21	22	23
How do brass instruments make sounds? How are we inspired by them?	How do brass instruments make sounds? How are we inspired by them?	How do brass instruments make sounds? How are we inspired by them?	How do brass instruments make sounds? How are we inspired by them?	How do keyboard... Keyboard Instruments
Brass Instruments	Brass Instruments	Louis Armstrong	Chris Botti	Keyboard Instruments
26	27	28	29	30
...instruments make sounds? Alicia Keys	...instruments make sounds? Elton John	Blossom Graduation	How do vocalists make different sounds? Vocals	Elvis Presley