

THE MONTHLY BLOSSOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

August 1, 2021

Dear Families,

"I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but mostly 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, trumpet and keyboard. The Blossoms discussed why they prefer jazz music to classical and revered Yo-Yo-Ma for his long and diverse career in music. We had so much fun singing 'We are the Champions' with guitar accompaniment and listening to Isaac's mom, Nicole, play the violin! It is clear we 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?*

We are very excited to begin our final Blossom unit, Summer Olympics! The Blossoms will have the opportunity to select a country and flag

they want to represent, compete in their favorite events, and stand proudly at our closing ceremony to receive a gold medal. We'll practice gymnastic floor routines, run in a relay, launch into the long jump, fence with pool noodles, and so much more! Many of the Blossoms have already expressed interest in olympic events and athletes you have been following at home. We can't wait to build on this excitement! Let the 2021 Growing Tree Summer Olympics begin!

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. In one year, through our many accomplishments and mistakes we have become a family.

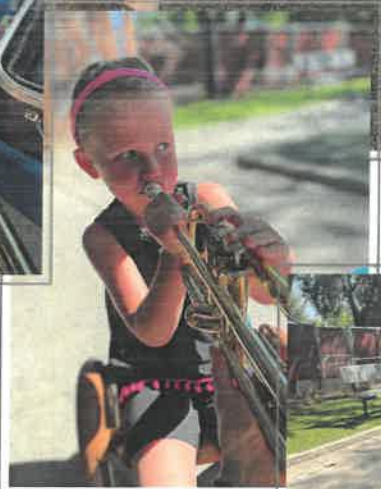
We have loved, laughed, played, investigated, learned and grown together this year. We explored the great strength of a rooted tree, built marvelous structures inspired by the designs of Gaudi and Gehry, studied our own beating hearts, and thoughtfully critiqued the work of globally renowned artists. We have grown closer and lifted each other up amid the

chaos. We are excited to share these children 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 everyday this year!

We wish you well,
Emily, Kristine, Jacque, Coyote, Kinderoo & Joey





August 21'

Summer Olymics & Transitions

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Olympic Teams & Flags	3 Opening Ceremony	4 Gymnastics Balance Events	5 Gymnastics Floor Routines	6 Gymnastics Floor Routines
9 Track & Field Running Events	10 Track & Field Running Events	11 Track & Field Jumping Events	12 Track & Field Throwing Events	13 Fencing
16 Soccer	17 Beach Volleyball	18 Skateboarding	19 Equestrian	20 Closing Ceremony
23	24	25	26	27
Field Week Fun & Kindergarten Transitions				
30 Water Play	31 Water Play	1	2	3

