

THE MONTHLY BLOSSOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

October 1, 2021

Dear Blossom Families,

After a rather turbulent start to the year, it is hard to believe the first month of school is behind us! Over these past few weeks we have been learning more and more about your children—their likes and dislikes, their interests, and how we best support them over the coming eleven months.

You may have heard your child talking about their “life skills.” These are the 5 skills we have been practicing this past month with our puppet friends Kinderoo, Joey and Coyote. Giving Joey a gentle nuzzle has been a daily highlight for many Blossoms. Our life skills include being helpful, patient, respectful, responsible and careful. Your child may be interested in discussing the life skills at home, as this will reflect an important part of their daily life at school for the rest of the year.

Questions to ask your growing Blossom:

- *Are you being helpful or hurtful? Are you being trustworthy or careless? Are you being polite or rude? Are you being gentle or rough? Are you being calm or restless?*
- *How does kinderoo keep Joey safe?*
- *What is your favorite art tool/material to create with in the Blossom room?*
- *What is the morning routine you do with coyote?*

Now that your children understand the ins and outs of a successful day in the Blossom room, we are geared up and ready to start our first

study this October—fairytales! Over the next few weeks we will see, perform, re-tell, represent and discover our favorite fairytales. Along with exploring the elements of a fairytale, we will learn about characters, setting, problem solving, resolution, sequence and patterns in stories. We will read several different versions of each fairytale, coming from cultures around the world. We will act out stories and create puppets and a shadow box theater. We are so excited for this fun and imaginative unit to begin!

While connecting and sharing with all of you during pick-ups has been a little more sparse than usual, we have loved getting to know you and your children this month. We are eager to continue meeting new Blossom family members this year! Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions/concerns/stories through Brightwheel, phone calls, or pick-up checkins. We are here to support you and your children!

Reminders:

- Please keep stuffies/lovies at home this year, thank you! If you have any concerns regarding nap time comforts let us know.
- Please send a change of seasonally appropriate clothes to be kept in your Blossom's blue cubby bin.

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, Jacqui, Kinderoo & Joey

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Fairytales

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 The Three Little Pigs	5 The Three Little Pigs	6 The Three Little Pigs	7 Golilocks & The Three Bears	8 Golilocks & The Three Bears
11 The Billy Goats Gruff	12 The Billy Goats Gruff	13 Jack & The Beanstalk	14 Jack & The Beanstalk	15 Jack & The Beanstalk
18 Cinderella	19 Cinderella	20 Cinderella	21 Cinderella	22 Cinderella
25 Rumpelstiltskin	26 Little Red Ridinghood	27 Little Red Ridinghood	28 The Princess & The Pea	29 The Princess & The Pea

