

THE MONTHLY BLOSSOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

November 1, 2021

"The wonder is that we can see these trees and not wonder more." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Blossom Families,

We are so proud of all your Blossom tree experts. Over the past month we have identified many different kinds of trees, investigated their characteristics, and explored their life cycles. We learned why trees are life sustaining and essential to our world. We will soon be rapping up our outdoor blocks construction project! After so much hard work and anticipation it has been so exciting to imagine the play that will continue with these blocks. The Blossoms proudly sanded, stained, and built every piece. We hope your children will continue to seek more answers and ask more questions about trees!

Questions to ask your tree expert:

- *Why do deciduous trees' leaves change color?*
- *Why are trees important for animals? How do different animals use trees?*
- *What do trees give us? (This is a loaded question!)*
- *Why do Douglas Fir cones have little 'mouse tails' hanging out of them?*

Starting in December we will begin our Winter Celebrations Around the World study. While holidays will undoubtedly continue to look different in all of our homes this year, at school the Blossoms will be fully immersed in holiday celebrations all month long. We will be learning about family traditions practiced when celebrating Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and New Year! Many Blossoms have expressed interest in identifying countries on classroom maps and globes. Following this interest, to explore various Christmas traditions, we will read stories, play games, and create art from three countries where Christmas is widely

celebrated. Before our New Year's celebrations we will be asking Blossoms to share special traditions they are experiencing at home. We are so excited to begin sharing and practicing traditions Blossoms observe in your homes this season!

While the annual Growing Tree Holiday Sing-A-Long will have to be virtual again this year, COVID can't stop us from joining in song and spreading cheer! The Blossoms will be reciting:

I See the Moon

Snowball (Poem)

Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer

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





December '21

Winter Celebrations Around the World

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 Diwali	30 Diwali	1 Diwali	2 Christmas in the United States	3 Christmas in the United States
6 Christmas in Mexico	7 Christmas in Mexico	8 Christmas in Mexico	9 Christmas in Germany	10 Christmas in Germany
13 Hanukkah	14 Hanukkah	15 Hanukkah	16 Hanukkah	17 Hanukkah
20 Winter Solstice	21 Blossom Family Traditions	22 Blossom Family Traditions	23 Blossom Family Traditions	24 No School
27 Kwanzaa	28 Kwanzaa	29 New Years	30 New Years	31 No School

