

# THE MONTHLY BLOSSOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

October 1, 2022

Dear Blossom Families,

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 can 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 and Joey. 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:

- *How do you fill or dip people's buckets?*
- *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?*

Now that your child understands the ins and outs of a successful day in the Blossom room, we are geared up and ready to start our first study! For weeks Saylor has asked, “But when are we really going to learn about *something*?” These kids are ready for some content, and we are excited to deliver! For our first study we will be jumping into the world of 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 eager for this fun and imaginative unit to begin!

We are excited to welcome two new teacher aides to the Blossom classroom, Ryan and Yuli. They are YouthBuild Volunteers, working at Growing Tree in hopes of securing a job as an aide. The Blossoms have loved having them in the classroom and look forward to growing with them!

It has been wonderful 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 check ins. We are here to support you and your children!

Reminders:

- **Please keep all stuffies/lovies at home this year, thank you!** We have found they become more of a toy than a comfort in the classroom at this age. 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,  
Rachel, Emily, Kinderoo & Joey