

OCTOBER, 29th 2017

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe the first month of school is behind us! Over these past few weeks we've been learning more and more about your children—their likes and dislikes, their interests, and how we can best support them over the next 11 months.

You may have heard your child talking about 'life skills'. These are the 5 skills we have been teaching with our puppets Kinderoo, Joey and Coyote. Attached in this newsletter are handouts for you to keep and utilize. They do not need to be returned to school or completed. They are tools for you and your children to explore. Your child may be very interested in discussing the life skills at home with you, as this reflects the important part of their daily life at school.

We'll continue to teach our classroom routine and to learn about your children over the next two weeks, exploring their preferences and characteristics as we learn that everyone is different, but we share the same things inside—we all want to belong, to feel safe, to feel loved, and to be happy.

On Monday October 16th we'll begin our Tree Study. This is the first of many 6 week studies in the Blossom Room. During this investigation, we'll explore trees of all kinds, arboreal animals, the life cycle of trees, how trees change and how we change and protect our forests. Your children will collect 'artifacts' and we'll adopt a tree to observe daily. We'll create tree art, tree stories, read tree books, perform tree experiments, and even take our first investigative field trip to Juniper Park. If you have any interest, resources, stories, photographs, songs, a connection in the community or an idea to share please send an email, call or let us know at arrival or departure!



Thank you for the opportunity to play, learn, explore, discover and grow with your children. If ever you have concerns, ideas, questions, suggestions or just want to check-in don't hesitate to contact us or seek us at arrival or departure.

Picture day is next week! We're happy to help your child into more comfortable clothes **after they have been photographed**. However, in order to support the largest number of children possible, **we will not be able to accommodate styling your child's hair or choose clothes for more than one option!!!! PLEASE dress your child in the clothes you choose them to be photographed in and provide a change of clothes that are comfortable for them to change into after photographing.**

Please welcome Hannah McCabe to our classroom as our full-time Blossom teacher. She is an amazing addition to our room! Please say hello and introduce yourself if you have yet to do so!

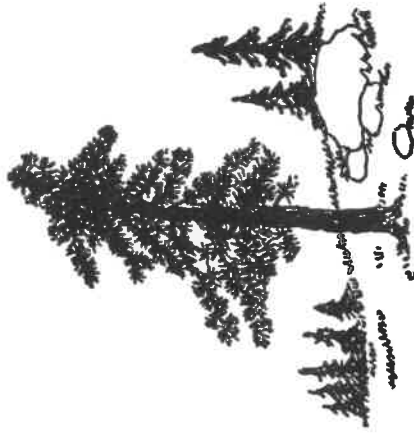
We wish you well,  
Lane, Samantha, Hannah,

Oct. '17

# What do we know about Trees?

Notes:

- Oct. 5/6 - Pictures
- Oct. 7 - Happy Harvest!!!
- DD Ranch



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
<b>What do we know about Trees?</b>				
9	10	11	12	13
Who lives in trees? Which arboreal animals live in Oregon? Which live in Bend?				
16	17	18	19	20
What jobs are there with trees? How to humans change forests? How to we protect trees?				
23	24	25	26	27
How do we use trees and wood? What do trees make?				
30	31	Nov. 1	2	3
What did we learn about Trees? What do we want to find out?				

