

# THE MONTHLY BLOSSOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

December 1, 2018

Dear Families,

We have had so much fun reading, performing, re-telling, representing and discovering our favorite favorite fairytales! We learned about diverse character traits and compared settings. We hope you have enjoyed fairytales as much as we have!

Questions to ask your fairytale expert:

- *Which fairytale characters were helpful? Which were hurtful?*
- *Is there a fairytale our family could act out with you?*
- *What was your favorite fairytale to read?*

Starting December 3rd, we will begin a study of Celebrations Around the World. We will be focusing on family traditions you might see when celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. Many Blossoms have expressed interest in identifying foreign countries on maps and globes. Following this interest, to explore Christmas traditions, we will read stories, play games, and create art from 4 contrasting countries where Christmas is celebrated. We will begin by sharing and practicing traditions Blossoms observe in your homes this season. We are excited for a month of celebrations and sharing!

Please remember that we spend many hours outside and your child's comfort is important to us. Please bring a pair of gloves, a hat, warm boots or shoes, and a warm mid-layer. While we are not expecting a winter wonderland in the near future, now is a good time to bring in **snow-**

**pants** for your child that can be left each day of the week at school. Please **label clothing** as best as possible and model, practice and encourage your child to be responsible with their items and to return their items to their cubbies each day. You are welcome to bring a set of simple, comfortable slippers for your child.

As colder weather arrives and we have less space in cubbies to store items we are going to be asking Blossoms to choose **one small stuffy** to bring to school for nap each day. Your helpfulness is appreciated!

We look forward to celebrating with you at the **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Monday, December 10th**. We will begin at **6:30 pm**. The Blossoms will be singing:

*I See the Moon*  
*Jingle Bells*

Growing Tree will be closed December 24th - 25th, and December 31st - January 1st.

We are so grateful to you for sharing your creative, kind, curious, clever, capable, caring children with us each day.

We wish you well,  
Emily, Tim, Kinderoo & Joey



# December '18

# Celebrations Around the World

**Notes:**

- Dec. 7th - First Friday
- Dec 10th - Growing Tree Winter Performance - 6:30 pm
- Dec. 24th-25th - Christmas Break - No School
- Dec. 31st-Jan. 1st - New Year's Eve & Day - No School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Hanukkah	4 Hanukkah	5 Hanukkah	6 Hanukkah	7 Hanukkah
10 Christmas Our Traditions	11 Christmas Traditions	12 Christmas Traditions	13 Christmas Mexican Traditions	14 Christmas Mexican Traditions
17 Christmas Ugandan Traditions	18 Christmas Ugandan Traditions	19 Christmas German Traditions	20 Christmas German Traditions	21 Winter Solstice
24 Christmas Eve School	25 Christmas Day No School	26 Kwanzaa	27 Kwanzaa	28 Kwanzaa
31 New Year's Eve School	No School			

