

THE MONTHLY BLOOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

April 1, 2019

Dear Families,

“Architecture starts when you carefully put two blocks together. There it begins.”

- Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

We are so thankful for your support and interest during the Oregon Animals Study! We studied beaver pelts, compared wolves and coyotes, created bird inspired art, and explored the life cycle of a salmon. This group is truly full of curious and compassionate zoologists. We hope you and your Blossoms continue to learn and explore many more of the incredible animals found in Oregon!

Questions to ask your zoologist:

- *How do beavers defend themselves from predators?*
- *Why do birds have hollow bones?*
- *How do salmon help our forests?*
- *What are some of the obstacles a salmon might encounter on its journey upstream?*
- *What was your favorite artifact to explore from our Fish and Wildlife trunk?*

This April we will begin The Building Study. In past years we have found this to be a study that Blossoms truly thrive in. The brain, drawn to patterns and seeking order, endlessly lends to the drive and creativity of 4 and 5 year-olds. Preschools can build with almost anything. They are also entirely curious about the world around them. Everyday we enter buildings—stores, libraries, offices, homes, schools, auditoriums. Some buildings tell us their purpose in a glance, others are so impressive they inspire us. But

what makes a building a building? How are they made, and what are they made of? Who contributes to a buildings creation? What are they used for and what features do they share? This month we will learn about buildings from all over the world and those right here and dear to us. We'll compare and build with endless materials. We'll talk about domes, pillars, arches and eaves. We'll make blueprints, designs, and models. We'll become architects, engineers, builders and innovators. We are so excited to begin this study. **If you have ideas, materials or expertise to share please let us know!**

Conferences will be held Friday, April 12th. Growing Tree will be closed so teachers can dedicate our time to sharing your child's development in our classroom with each of you.

Lastly, I sincerely want to thank you for your trust and support as we have transitioned from saying goodbye to Tim, wished me well on my travels, and greeted new teachers. Moving forward I am confident in all of the Blossoms resilience and eagerness to learn and explore! If you do have any questions or concerns regarding these transitions, please do not hesitate to reach out. It is so important to me that all of your children feel safe and supported at school. Thank you!

As always, 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, Coyote, Kinderoo & Joey

April '19

Building Study

Notes:

- April 5th - First Friday
- April 8th - Book Fair
- April 12th - Conferences - No School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 What do buildings have?	2 What do buildings have?	3 What do buildings have?	4 What do buildings have?	5 What do buildings have?
8 What are buildings made with?	9 What are buildings made with?	10 What are buildings made with?	11 What are buildings made with?	12 No School Conferences
15 How are buildings built?	16 How are buildings built?	17 How are buildings built?	18 What are different building purposes?	19 What are different building purposes?
22 What is an architect?	23 Who are buildings designed by?	24 Who are buildings designed by?	25 Who are buildings designed by?	26 Who are buildings designed by?
29 Famous Buildings	30 Famous Buildings	1 Famous Buildings	2 Famous Buildings	3 Famous Buildings

