

THE MONTHLY BLOSSOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

August 1, 2019

Dear Families,

July was an eventful month here in the Blossom room! We completed our Artist Study and couldn't be more excited about everything we have produced and learned about. We learned about incredible artists and techniques like Pablo Picasso and Cubism, Frida Kahlo's surreal and prolific self-portraits, and Vincent Van Gogh's amazing use of color- Starry Night was our favorite. A highlight was learning about watercolor techniques from Jackson's Grandma Karen. We deeply enjoyed watching the Blossoms explore all the different types of art and discover what their own favorite techniques were.

Questions to ask your blossoming artist:

- *Can you find different values of a color in artwork around our home?*
- *What different types of artwork did Picasso create? Which were your favorite?*
- *Which art tool and technique did you enjoy most?*
- *Whose artwork made you feel happy/curious/strange? How can art make you feel different ways?*

Our final Blossom unit will be our Music Study. Throughout August we will learn about the instruments used in classical, jazz, and rock music. The final week will be spent learning about music theory and creating music our own. We will create our own instruments and explore how several real instruments produce their unique sounds. If you have a transportable instrument you would like to share or lend the

Blossoms, please speak with Rachel or Emily. It should be a joyful month!

Thank you for joining us at the Growing Tree BBQ and Blossom Graduation Ceremony. It's so wonderful to be able to all come together for an evening of celebration and fun!

It has been such a pleasure learning and working with all of you this year to support your children's needs and growth. We so appreciate all the time, donations, and encouragement you shared with the Blossom community.

We now return your children to you, the same children you so kindly entrusted to our care last fall. It has truly been a privilege to watch each of their personalities develop and unfold everyday. In less than a year, through our many accomplishments and mistakes we have become a family.

We have loved, laughed, played, investigated, learned, and grown together this year. We explored the great strength of a rooted tree, investigated the great and mysterious giant squid, built marvelous structures inspired by the designs of Gaudi and Wright, studied our own beating hearts, and thoughtfully critiqued the work of globally renowned artists. While we wish we could continue exploring with this *wild* group of Blossoms, we are excited to share them with all of their future teachers who will undoubtedly adore them just as we have.

As your Blossom enters kindergarten and the world beyond Growing Tree, please remember

that we will always be interested in your child and their experiences. Their joys and sorrows, whoever they become.

Alas, we are truly grateful to you for sharing your creative, kind, curious, clever, capable, caring children with us each and everyday this year.

We wish you well,
Emily, Rachel, Coyote, Kinderoo & Joey



August '19

Music Study

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Modern Art Andy Warhol	2 Blossom Art Show
5 Classical Music	6 Classical Music	7 Classical Music	8 Classical Music	9 Classical Music
12 Jazz Music	13 Jazz Music	14 Jazz Music	15 Jazz Music	16 Jazz Music
19 Rock Music	20 Rock Music	21 Rock Music	22 Rock Music	23 Rock Music
26 Music Theory/Lyrics	27 Music Theory/Lyrics	28 Music Theory/Lyrics	29 Music Theory/Lyrics	30 Music Theory/Lyrics

Notes:

• August 2nd - First Friday

