

THE MONTHLY BLOSSOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

October 1, 2019

Dear Families,

It's 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 next 11 months.

You may have heard your child talking about their 'life skills.' These are the 5 skills we have been teaching this past month with our puppet friends Kinderoo and Joey. In your child's file you will find a set of handouts addressing each of the life skills 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 in whatever way works for you. 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:

- *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?*
- *What does it mean to be a 'bucket filler?'*
- *How can you give someone in our family 'warm fuzzies?'*

Starting this October, we will begin our fairytale unit. 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 excited for this fun and imaginative unit to begin!

Thank you for supporting our classroom and your child's independence by eagerly sending them with only a blanket and pillow. We are proud of their independence!

If you ever have concerns, ideas, questions, suggestions, or just want to check-in, don't hesitate to approach us at arrival or departure. We are so grateful to you for sharing your creative, kind, curious, clever, capable, caring children with us this year.

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



October '19

Fairytales

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30	The Three Little Pigs	1 The Three Little Pigs	2 The Three Little Pigs	3 Goldilocks & The Three Bears	4 Goldilocks & The Three Bears
7	The Billy Goats Gruff	8 The Billy Goats Gruff	9 The Billy Goats Gruff	10 Jack & The Beanstalk	11 Jack & The Beanstalk
14	Cinderella	15 Cinderella	16 Cinderella	17 Hansel & Gretel	18 Hansel & Gretel
21	Little Red Ridinghood	22 Little Red Ridinghood	23 Little Red Ridinghood	24 Princess & The Pea	25 Princess & The Pea
30	Tree Study	31 Sports Day			

Notes:

- Oct. 4th - First Friday
- Oct. 24th & 25th - Picture Day

