

THE MONTHLY BLOOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

January 1, 2020

Dear Families,

We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Diwali, Christmas, and Hanukkah around the world. The Blossoms made gingerbread cookies, Rosca de Reyes, latkes, spun dreidels, painted poinsettias, went caroling, and created rangoli patterns with sand. We loved hearing all the ways your family celebrates during these winter months. Thank you for all your support at home that made this unit so exciting!

Questions to ask your winter holiday expert:

- *What is your favorite holiday tradition or family practices?*
- *Why do Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah?*
- *In Germany what should you leave by the door for Kris Kringle to put a gift in?*
- *How do people celebrate light over darkness during Diwali?*
- *What was your favorite celebratory food the Blossoms prepared?*

Germs—downright disgusting, mean, no good, and nasty—the kind that make you sick that is. We can't see them with our eyes, but we know they are there. There are a few simple things we can do each day to keep them away. During a 2 week unit we'll draw germs, find out where we should sneeze and cough, and learn how germs are passed along and what we can do to keep them at bay. We are even expecting two guest scientists to visit and share how they fight germs at work.

Following our germ exploration, we will begin a month long study of the human body. We will

cover the skeletal, muscular, circulatory, and digestive systems. We are very excited to be hosting a local surgeon, who will guide us through our annual heart dissection this year. This Blossom unit consistently shows how incredibly much all of your children are truly capable of learning and applying in their everyday life. As always, if you have any materials, artifacts, stories, or photographs to enrich our explorations please let us know!

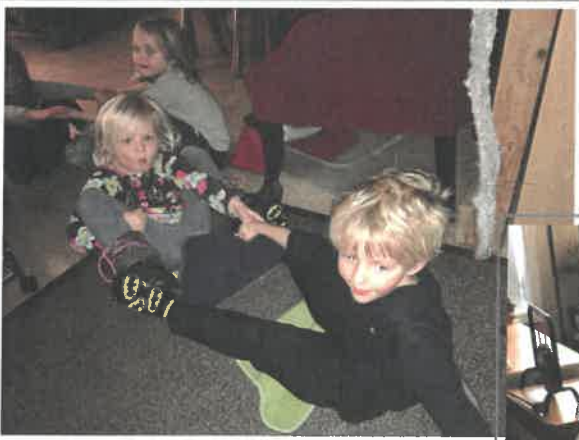
Please remember to **label all clothing** as best as possible. Please model, practice and encourage your child to be responsible with their items and return their items to their cubbies each day.

Thank you for warm and thoughtful wishes this holiday season! We are so fortunate to be a part of Growing Tree and its amazing families. We hope you know how dear to us your children are.

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

HAPPY
New Year



January '20

Notes:

- Jan. 1st - No School
- Jan. 3rd - First Friday



Germs & The Body Study

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 New Year's Day	2 New Years Celebrations	3 What do we know about our bodies?
6 Germs & Hygiene	7 Germs & Hygiene	8 Germs & Hygiene	9 Germs & Hygiene	10 Germs & Hygiene
13 Germs & Hygiene	14 Germs & Hygiene	15 Germs & Hygiene	16 Germs & Hygiene	17 Germs & Hygiene
20 Skeletal System	21 Skeletal System	22 Skeletal System	23 Muscular System	24 Muscular System
27 Digestive System	28 Digestive System	29 Digestive System	30 Digestive System	31 Digestive System

