

THE MONTHLY BLOOM

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

February 1, 2020

Dear Families,

We are so proud of all our knowledgeable germ experts! In only two weeks Blossoms have added numerous complex words to their repertoire. During circle time discussions and free play explorations you were likely to hear words such as "microbes, hypothesis, microscope, etc." We observed actual germs through a microscope, explored how germs spread, and practiced good hygiene routines. We were also thrilled to have Soren's mom Amanda, our local scientist, come teach us about germs. Thank you for all the support and excitement you contributed to this study at home. We had so much fun!

Questions to ask your germ buster:

- *What are microbes? How can we see them?*
- *How can we stop bad germs (microbes) from spreading?*
- *What was your favorite specimen to observe using a microscope?*
- *Are all germs (microbes) bad?*

As our body study continues into February, we will welcome Quin's grandpa Bill, a retired surgeon, who will guide us through an actual heart dissection. We will cover the circulatory and respiratory systems, and healthy habits for life. 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.

As you all know, January 24th was Ms. Rachel's last day in the classroom. She will be truly missed by all of us in the Blossom room and throughout Growing Tree. We wish her well on all her future endeavors.

Lastly, I sincerely want to thank you for your trust and support as we move through these transitions. Moving forward I am confident in all of the Blossom's resilience and eagerness to learn and explore! If you have any questions or concerns regarding 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!

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, Coyote, Kinderoo & Joey



