

January 2022 Edition

# Bloomcast

Keeping you up to date with what's happening in the classroom.



## Happy New Year

As we ring in the new year we reflect on the amazing growth and milestones that we have witnessed in the children at Bloom. Relationships, trust, and warm nurturing connections paved the way for many learning opportunities that happened. Looking into the new year we look forward to welcoming new families to the center. As for the classrooms they will be in the hustle and bustle of their fun and exploration that happens throughout the year. It is amazing to witness the children's growth through child initiated activities, intentional teacher lead activities, and impromptu fun! Bloom is excited to continue with our many years of successful dedicated staff, well rounded curriculum that fosters all of the children's needs, and the support of the community that makes Bloom. Hip hip hooray to a new year enjoying the moments!

## At-Home COVID-19 Rapid Test

The state of Minnesota provided Bloom with BD Veritor at home COVID-19 tests. These are for the staff members and children above the age of 2 who are experiencing symptoms, or have a suspected close contact. This is a nasal swab test and a smart phone is required to complete. Bloom will not be administering any tests. If a child is excluded for illness, Bloom can send families with a kit to administer at home if they choose. Bloom's only responsibility is to log the results from the test. Families are not required to take the test kit. If your child is excluded for symptoms on the COVID-19 decision tree, a negative test result will be required before they return to Bloom.

As a licensed center, Bloom is required to follow the COVID-19 decision tree. An updated version is available on our website. If you have any questions about your child's symptoms, potential exposures, and or to check on our routine illness exclusions; please do not hesitate to call, email, or stop in the office.

## Celebrating our Differences

The virtue of the month is Celebrating our Differences. This virtue comes with many topics that naturally arise as your child grows. Curiosity and observation starts to ping similarities and differences between others that your child is around. It may be music, toys, a favorite activity, likes or dislikes in foods, family structures or types of housing. Inclusion brings the similarities and differences together in the classroom community. The structure of our classroom environment provides all children the equal opportunity to learn and play safely. This builds a strong foundation for the children to see equity in an age appropriate format. Friendships and bonds are built without barriers.

Conversations naturally present themselves throughout the day for children to learn about differences. It may be a conversation in the block area sparked by what type of house to build, or noticing that they have the same hair color of a friend in their class. Staff utilize opportunities to expand on the differences we all have, and how we come together as a classroom community.

## 2021 Tax Statements

Your families 2021 year end tax statements will be emailed by the end of January. This email will come directly from Quickbooks On-line, the same email that invoices are sent from. A printed copy of the statement will also be available in the office.

## Bloom will be closed

- New Years Day (January 1st)
- MLK Day (January 17th)
- Presidents Day (February 21st)
- Memorial Day (May 30th)
- Observation of Independence Day (July 4th)
- Labor Day (September 5th)
- MEA Staff Training (October 21st)
- Thanksgiving Day (November 24th)
- Day after Thanksgiving (November 25th)
- Christmas Eve through New Year's Day



Have a wonderful day!

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