

# Bloomcast

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



## Bloom is Closed February 20th

Bloom will be closed on February 20th, in observation of President's Day.

## The Virtue of LOVE

This month's virtue is LOVE! A virtue that is in our lives in many ways and has a memorable symbol for your little one. The heart shape is recognized by many of our age groups, and the sign for love is used in all of the classrooms. How we show our love is unique to each family; hugs, nicknames, and little sayings just to name a few.

Love is expressed daily through positive interactions in the classrooms. These interactions are between staff and the children, between the children, and between the staff. Our staff model the virtues to provide a positive example. Common actions of showing love between the children are; helping a friend find a toy, cleaning up, and making pictures. These acts build the foundation for the little ones to practice the virtue of love each day.

Throughout the month we hope that you can stop in your child's classroom to observe the attributes that each child brings to Bloom. The rooms have wonderful activities each month that focus on the virtue and other focused skills. At home, we challenge you to find a way to daily praise one of your child's attributes. Sharing them through conversation, or extending this into a creative literacy project. You can make this into a project for your whole household to get involved. Set up a little station with paper and writing materials (post it notes work great). Each day write something that you love about your child. It can be part of your morning routine, or something to share at the dinner table. After, you can make a special spot to hang it up. You can help your child create them as well for others in the household. This is a fantastic way to bring literacy into your home and share the many things you love about your child.

## Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Ms. Stella this month. We are also celebrating Mrs. Renuka's 1st anniversary at Bloom, and Ms. Melanie's 5th anniversary at Bloom. We are thankful for the connections and care that they both bring to the mission, children, and families.

## Family BINGO night at Messiah

BINGO Night is coming to Messiah! Join us on Friday, February 3 @ 6:30-8 pm for a fun night of BINGO games, prizes, and snacks. Fun for all ages - mark your calendar and invite your friends!

## Shutterfly Share Sites Discontinuing

Shutterfly is discontinuing their share sites at the end of March. Please make sure to download any photos you would like from your child's current classroom. They will not be available to us once the site shuts down. We are in the process of finding a new share site for classrooms.

## Did You Know...

- \*Bloom is governed by a volunteer board of directors. The board has several committees as well.
- \*In February our Parent Aware rating is re-rated. This includes a review of our staff members qualifications and ongoing trainings, our curriculum and assessment tools, and our licensing and accreditation standings.
- \*Our Preschool classroom has 2 guinea pigs. They are sisters that we adopted from a past student. Callie and Squeakers love visitors and vegetables!

## Adding a Closure Day to the 2023 Calendar

Bloom will be adding a closure day to the 2023 closure calendar. We will be closed on Friday, April 7th. This falls on Good Friday. Our staff will be in the building for staff development. Our fall date will remain, this day is filled with health and safety trainings. By adding this spring staff development date, we will have the opportunity to focus on topics such as developmentally appropriate practices, supporting social emotional health, and other staff directed topics. Thank you for your adjustments and support. Staff development is an area that we are working to grow to continually support our teaching staff.

## Bloom will be closed

- February 20th: President's Day
- April 7th: Staff Training Day
- May 29th: Memorial Day
- June 19th: Juneteenth
- July 4th: Independence Day
- September 4th: Labor Day
- October 20th: MEA Staff Training Day
- November 23rd: Thanksgiving Day
- November 24th: Day after Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Eve through New Year's Day (December 25th-January 1st)



Have a wonderful day!