

# 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 the classrooms hustle and bustle of 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!

## Picture Day

Bloom will have picture day for each of the kiddos and their sibling group on Wednesday, January 17th in the morning. We will take photos throughout the morning, before lunch time. This year we are working with a local photographer that will send each family a digital release with their photo to have and use.

## 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.

## 2023 Year End Tax Statement

Your families 2023 Year End Tax statement will be emailed by the end of January. If you are in need of a printed copy once they are emailed, please stop in the office, or send Mary or Melanie an email.

## Ring in the New Year Noise Maker

Are you looking for a project during the winter break? Take some time to build noise makers to ring in the new year, or noon year (such a great idea to set your countdown to an earlier time). Start by cleaning a variety of recycled container to serve as your shaker. Have your little one help in the process of finding items within your home that will make sounds inside your shakers. Talk about the different items and prompt them to think about the sounds that they will make. You can also extend the time of this project by adding items inside the bottles for decoration, or decorating the outside of the shakers. Once you are ready to seal your shaker, make sure to cover the top with a strong tape, or secure with glue. If you are looking for more ideas, check out our blog on our website.

## Bloom is Closed January 15th

Bloom will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observation of Martin Luther King day.

## 2024 Tuition Rates

Bloom's board of directors approved a tuition increase of 7%. This communication along with the rates went out in at the beginning December. These rates will be in effect January 1st, 2024 and will be automatically updated on your statement, and automatic payment through our payment portal. Please remember that 2024 starts a new tuition cycle as well. There is a one time tuition cycle that is one week long for the first week of January. Then it will move into bi-weekly tuition payments with tuition due every other Monday. The payment calendar for the 2024 year is attached to the tuition notice, this can be found at the parent desk.

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January 15th: Martin Luther King Day  
February 19th: President's Day  
March 29th: Staff Development Day  
May 27th: Memorial Day  
June 19th: Juneteenth  
July 4th: Independence Day  
September 2nd: Labor Day  
October 18th: MEA Staff Development Day  
November 28th: Thanksgiving Day  
November 29th: Day after Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Eve through New Year's Day  
(December 24th-January 1st)