

January 2025 Edition

Bloomcast

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



Goals in the New Year

The new year brings us time to reflect on the year we are wrapping up, and envision the many growths, changes, and opportunities that are to come. We are thankful for the opportunity to be an active part of your families early learning years. As we look into the 2025 year, we look forward to celebrating more milestones, and collaborating on shared goals for the good of your little one(s).

For all families at Bloom we ask that your goals for the new year strive to:

**Believe in your child's potential to develop, learn, and be ready to succeed*

**Support your child with loving guidance and learning opportunities*

**Continue to support the partnership at Bloom by communicating and planning for success for your child's future.*

We look forward to the year to come, and collaborating the year of 2025 with you and your family.

Bloom's Turning 25 in 2025!

Did you know that this year will mark out 25th year of service in this community! We look forward to a year filled with celebrating stories of families, staff, and community members that have supported this mission. Bloom has a anniversary committee that has been working hard to incorporate celebrations all year long!

What's Cooking?

Happy New Year! New resolutions going on in the kitchen; new recipes, introducing new foods, and more on-site cooking. Did you know that presenting the foods in a variety of ways can help your little one enjoy different foods. Some of the foods that we continue to offer in a variety of ways include sweet peppers, jicama, and mushrooms.

We also encourage you to include your child in the prepping and cooking process. They will feel invested in the meal and more encouraged to eat.

We share one of our newer recipe with you that combines squash and apples to make a treat that your children enjoy. Squapple:

1 diced butternut squash (or 1 package frozen diced squash)
5 diced apples (or 1 can of apple pie filling)

A dash of sugar and cinnamon to taste (both are optional)

Bake in a 8 x 8 greased pan at 350 °F for 20-25 minutes, cool and enjoy!

Bloom is Closed January 20th

Bloom will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observation of Martin Luther King day.

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. If you have questions about supporting these conversations in an age appropriate way with your child, please connect with your child's teaching team.

2024 Year End Tax Statement

Your families 2024 Year End Tax statement will be emailed out directly from Intuit's Quickbook by the end of January. If you are in need of a printed copy, please stop in the office, or send Mary an email at mary.olsen@bloomearlylearning.org.

Bloom will be closed

Monday, January 20th

Monday, February 17th

Friday, April 18th (Staff Development)

Monday, May 26th

Thursday, June 19th

Friday, July 4th

Monday, September 1st

Friday, October 17th (Staff Development)

Thursday, November 27th

Friday, November 28th

Christmas Eve through New Year's Day
(December 24th-January 1st)



Have a wonderful day!

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