

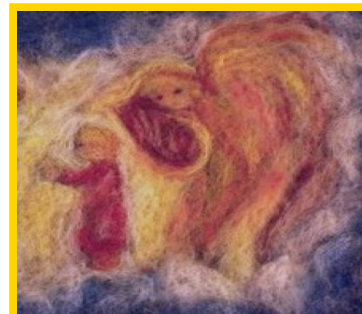
# *The Garland School*

## *Spring News*

Happy Spring! After a restful spring break we are all happy to be back together at our school. The weather is warm and rainy and our outdoor start has begun! Songs of rebirth and flower buds are ringing about the school as we say goodbye to King Winter and welcome in Lady Spring.

At the end of March we held our Parent-Teacher conversations, and it was so lovely to spend time with each of you and connect about the growth of your children. They are growing faster and faster as the sap returns and the sun comes out again!

Coming up on May 11<sup>th</sup> is our May Day festival, a celebration of spring and life. Please look to the community board for festival volunteer sign-ups. We will work together at a pre-May Day work party getting the garden and all prepared for the warmer months and our festival. Thank you, Garland community, for coming together to help with this - many hands make light work!



### *Upcoming Events*

*Pre-May Day Work Party  
On Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>*

*May Day is Saturday,  
May 11<sup>th</sup>  
From 11:00-1:00 pm*

*May 27<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day*

**FROM THE ROSEBUDS AND MORNING GLORIES:** The Rosebuds & Morning Glories have been taking advantage of the warmer weather to venture further and further on our woods walks. Before break, we finally made it all the way to the pond! Everyone measured time and the approach of spring as we watched the ice on the pond and the stream slowly melting away. The children have also taken to heart the post winter clean up in our yard; they're constantly digging in the garden and collecting sticks to burn down in our fire pit. As we returned from break, it felt like Mother Earth flipped a light switch on. Our spring showers have been mostly warm and our weather has been leaning into a hotter sun. The children have loved practicing for our May Day celebration- it's amazing how even the youngest children are now familiar with our daily ebb and flow!

**FROM THE SINGING CRICKETS:** The Singing Crickets have been patiently watching the snow melt and using the last bits of ice in the forest for slippery body sledding. Before our break, we made our spring grass baskets together, singing about Mother Earth giving birth to the seeds with the help of Father Sun and Sister Rain. When we aren't playing in the yard or the woods, or hiking up to the pond, we are busy washing and carding raw wool donated by Niko's mama Kristina, tapping for sap, painting with indigo blue, kneading and baking our bread, and working on our garden beds for planting! The children have all started to put on their own puppet shows for the class, and take turns reciting fairytales to each other at the lunch table. Our class favorite has been "How the Evergreens Keep Their Leaves in the Winter." At breakfast, we talk about the dreams we had the night before - and process them in our own way together - 'a tisket, a tasket, I have a dream story in my basket!' We are all loving our May Day practice - with songs, and with our practice may pole!





# PHOTO GALLERY

## ROSEBUDS + MORNING GLORIES





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