



NATURE IMMERSION WEEKLY RECAP

2020 - 2021

TERM 1

9/7-9/11



NATURE SPOTLIGHT

MS. MARTHA

On Tuesday we explored a shrub that we had noticed growing in our classroom. We looked at it closely, noticing things about the stem, leaves, flowers and berries. All of these details helped us to make a positive identification. It was a beautyberry shrub! We smelled the flowers and looked at the leaves. Often proposed as a natural insect repellent the leaves have an interesting odor to them. Crushing up the leaves to get a better whiff we tried to think of what they smelled like. Some of us liked the smell while others didn't. Next we looked at the berries. Each of us taking one we rolled them around in our hand. Feeling the texture and noticing the color and scent. We talked about how to be safe when exploring the edible plants in our classroom and why it is important for a teacher to always check before we eat something. Finally each student got to choose if they would like to taste one of the berries. Although they are edible beautyberries don't have a strong flavor and aren't very sweet. What an interesting experience!

Star fruits, and frogs.

COSTUMES AND CELEBRATIONS

MS. MARTHA

Costumes were a big hit this week! On Tuesday several of our students came into class in costumes and many of the other students chose a costume from our dress-up bin. It was the perfect day for costumes because we were celebrating Robert's birthday! During the day a butterfly and pilot joined the empire (darth vader and a stormtrooper) for an exciting adventure. Later a ghost joined in on their mission as well. Look out jedi! After a day filled with imaginative play we came together to celebrate Robert. We sang our "the earth goes around the sun" birthday song and Robert chose to have his friends make the trip around our log circle with him. It was so special to celebrate together!

Mud all the way. Big puddles "pools", soups, sour smoothies, and crazy large cups of coffee. Volcanoes and car washes.

PROJECT WORK

MS. MARTHA

On Wednesday we searched our classroom for beautiful leaves and flowers to collect. After finding a lovely variety we worked together to carefully lay them in layers inside our flower press. The students helped to tighten the screws to keep the flowers pressed. We talked about the water that is inside plants and what happens when we press the flowers and leave them to dry. I wonder what beautiful things we will create with these once they've had time to dry. On Thursday we played with some flaxseed slime. Made by boiling flaxseed in water, flaxseed slime has an unusual slimy feeling. It is so slippery it can be difficult to scoop up! We had a blast mixing in some food coloring and experimenting with it using different tools to smooth, scoop, and pour. How cool!

Play-doh, spore prints/mushroom collection, hacky sack toss

