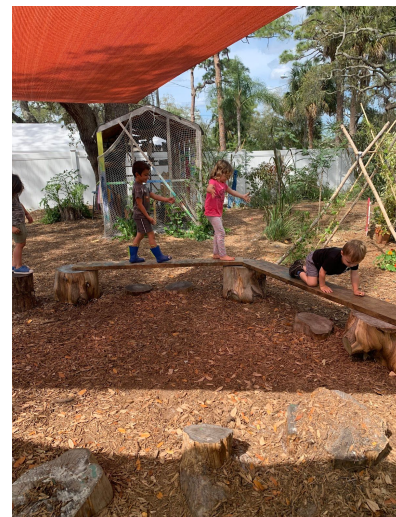




WEEKLY RECAP

NATURE IMMERSION
3/2-3/6



FREE EXPLORATION:

Students really got into using wooden planks to build roads, ramps, and benches this week. Students and educators worked together to move them and make plans for them. We had a little water play this week as the weather got warmer.

INDOOR EXPLORATION:

This week students continued fort building and playing house with friends. They used a sound machine to listen to rain, thunderstorms and wind to help the “babies” fall asleep. Students continued exploring the swordsmen and dragon, fishing, and playing in the kitchen. Students practiced using the felt balls more calmly by making patterns and stacking them on top of each other.

MORNING MEETING:

We learned some new songs for circle time this week which honored the changing seasons and engaged our imaginations. We pretended to be mountain streams “dancing down from the clear blue sky”, leaping over rocks, turning into waterfalls, and forming little pools warmed by the sunshine and inhabited by salmon and trout. The children practiced gestures and movements to accompany the songs and verses which were rich in alliteration, rhymes, and descriptive language; “nimble fishes flit and flutter, in the clear, cool waves that glitter”. We also had so much fun on Friday playing with our new rainbow parachute. We all worked together to lift it up and the children took turns running under it and changing places with their friends.

PROJECTS/GROUP ACTIVITIES:

We celebrated Caroline’s birthday this week and the students colored pictures for her birthday book. The students also colored pictures to take home and some students chose to use colored pencils to practice their letters and write their names.

STORYTELLING:

This week Ms. Diane put on the **Rabbit and the Carrot** puppet show. Students practiced their attentiveness and listening skills, becoming so quiet and engaged when Ms. Diane revealed the puppet show. We also read **The Bear’s Cave**, a story which tied into the changing seasons, and **Ferdinand the Bull**, a classic story about a peace loving bull who sits on a bumblebee, finds himself in the bullring where he is expected to be fierce and ferocious, and winds up just sitting down and sniffing the flowers that all the ladies are wearing in their hair.

FOOD PREPARATION:

In addition to our regular snack preparation -- making applesauce, bread baking and chopping vegetables for soup -- the children really enjoyed our trip to the community garden this week. They brought back some kale and little tomatoes which they washed and sampled together.

GARDENING:

Students observed pigeon peas planted in glass jars. We can now see the roots spreading in the dirt and the stems sprouting above. Students have been using the herb garden for their soup creating a fragrant "broth" that smelled of onions and lemon, using the chives and lemon balm.

On Tuesday we visited the community garden and noticed the big round cabbages, bumpy Kale, and tiny tomatoes. We harvested some of the vegetables and brought them back to our space where we washed them and sampled them.