



## WEEKLY RECAP

NATURE IMMERSION  
2/24-2/28



## **FREE EXPLORATION:**

Students enjoyed “spirit week”- dressing up as their favorite book characters, as tacky tourists, wearing silly hats, and the same outfits as their friends on “samesies” day.

The students used the new big blocks to build towers, millipede houses and water systems. They dug a hole with the intention to make a pool in the construction zone. The hole eventually turned into a moon with craters, an ocean with sharks, and a hole with a wooden bridge. Students measured the hole to be 28 inches wide and 13 inches deep.

## **INDOOR EXPLORATION:**

This week students worked really well playing together indoors. Everybody wanted to play the new fishing game, so friends worked together to take turns with the fishing poles and to catch the fish. Other students really loved the wooden swordsmen who can ride horses and fight the wooden dragon. Students continued tracing, working on pattern blocks, and other fine motor activities. They are learning how to fold blankets and babydoll clothes and are feeling really proud of themselves!

## **MORNING MEETING:**

This week we continued doing Ring-around-the-Rosie, Humpty Dumpty, The-Tide-comes-in and pretending to be tiny gnomes and busy windmills. Students are getting better at consistently making a circle and staying with the group. Students love Humpty Dumpty — holding onto their friends as they move back and forth and “fall” backwards.

## **PROJECTS/GROUP ACTIVITIES:**

We began the week with water color painting, exploring the color blue. When we were done painting and cleaning up, we sailed our little walnut sailboats across the blue sea made by our painting water. Based on student interest, students made butterflies with colorful yarn and feathers. The students used brushes to apply the glue, chose the colors they wanted to use, and decided on the placement. We added a clothespin to the butterfly so it could be clipped onto things.



## **STORYTELLING:**

Continuing with our butterfly theme, we enjoyed a puppet show based on the fairy tale **The Three Little Butterfly Brothers**. The butterfly brothers get caught in the rain and seek shelter among the flowers. When the flowers won't let all of them in together they choose to stay out in the rain together instead of being separated. The sun sees that they are "such good little butterfly brothers", sticking together, and comes out from behind the cloud to dry off their wings so they can continue playing in the garden.

We also read another wonderful book by Jan Brett called **Hedgies Surprise**, about a hungry little Tomten (elf) who keeps taking all of Henny's eggs for his breakfast. Henny doesn't like this as she's really wanting some chicks, so her friend Hedgie, a clever hedgehog, helps her trick the Tomten to stop him from taking her eggs

## **FOOD PREPARATION:**

We continued with our regular snack preparation this week - making bread and chopping apples for our applesauce and vegetables for our soup.

## **GARDENING:**

Students used scissors to deadhead plants in the food forest. Students worked to identify yellow and brown leaves that signified they are dead/dying. Students continued to independently water the garden.