



WEEKLY RECAP

**NATURE IMMERSION
SUMMER EXTENSION**

WEEK 1

7/8/19 - 7/12/19



MONDAY

We began Summer Extension exploring sight and what we see in nature. Students noticed they saw new students in our playspace! We welcomed Caroline and Hope to our school family. We also saw that our play space was different; with giant holes, the gate in a different space, and the screened in patio! We spent the morning with a lot of free play and making observations of summer in our space. The students washed, rinsed, and dried potatoes at the mud kitchen.

TUESDAY

We welcomed Erika to our school family today! We explored our sense of sight and touch by using flour, oil, and sprinkles to make cloud playdough! The students noticed the oil was slimy, flour was super soft, and mixing it together created different textures. The sprinkles were pleasing to the eyes, as we noticed all of the colors in our space and in our cloud playdough! For food prep, students peeled, cut, and ate bananas. For free play, students explored the construction site. They noticed the planks could be moved and made into a ramp as well as a balance beam. We are excited to explore big loose parts!

WEDNESDAY

Today we explored touch by manipulating water and sponges. Students had the chance to pour water into different containers mixing colors . Students were able to create a rainbow using different colors combinations which fascinated them . Meanwhile , another group of students were exploring different areas of the school house (fine motor skills , pretend play at the mud kitchen area, etc). Around 10:30 am , students were invited to come inside of the school house for some individualized work where everyone picked an activity that interested them. For Nature exploration, we found safe places in nature and read a story about taking breaths to calm our body.

THURSDAY

The students loved playing with ice numbers, they even tasted a few of them! Students had the opportunity to differentiate between numbers, pick them up, feel the

temperature of ice, break them off, and watch them melt. When the ice melted, we used it as an exploration to see what things in our space would sink or float. We read a book called Who Sank the Boat? The children used a leaf as the boat and put items on our boat to see if it would sink or float. We noticed that rocks and dirt sink, while sticks and leaves float. For nature exploration, we walked around our play space with magnifying glasses, searching for things we like to see in our space. We collected materials from our space and drew their observations.

FRIDAY

Friday was a free exploration day with gross motor skills work. Students explored the Food Forest, they noticed there was a large hole in their playspace and were more than eager to explore. Students The children enjoyed a nature exploration around the school house where they were able to touch and feel trees trunks, Ms. Sydney talked about different parts of the trees and the dangers of poison berries. The children were fascinated with the millipedes in the school house.