



WEEKLY RECAP

NATURE IMMERSION



9/23/19 -9/27/19

MONDAY

Free exploration: Today students cut and colored play dough as their sensory experiences. Students used scissors and knives to cut the play dough. Butterflies hatched from their chrysalis and we observed them. We know that butterflies when they first hatch, have wet wings. We observed them flap their wings under the porch to dry them out for them to be ready to fly.

Morning meeting: Today we read How Do Dinosaurs Go to School. Students loved seeing dinosaurs fitting in a desk and helping friends with their lunches. Some of our friends named off the dinosaurs they saw in the classroom. We talked about what we do at school that would be different than a dinosaur.

Indoor Exploration: Students had the opportunity to explore an hourglass and understand the concept of time. Educators asked students to lie on their mats and watch time pass by and they calmly did.

Atelier: For atelier, students got to act on their interest in gluing. Students glued loose parts to paper, cardboard, and different materials. Some of our students worked together to create artwork to bring home while others glued materials together to use as props.

TUESDAY

Free exploration: Today students explored the new flower garden in our playspace, they played doctor with friends in the flower garden. Other students worked together to build a volcano with wood and poured water on it acting as lava. Some of our friends noticed dinosaurs were alive by volcanoes, so they transformed into human dinosaurs and roamed our playspace. We spent the morning outdoors and had the chance to immerse ourselves in nature, students formed groups and worked collectively on the activities they had in mind.

Morning meeting: For morning meeting, we explored some dinosaurs together and talked about the biggest dinosaurs on Earth. We also read a book about how we can keep the Earth safe by throwing trash away, keeping plants safe, and being helpful to others.

Goodbye circle: At goodbye circle we read a story about dinosaurs going to school. Some of our friends noted the different types of dinosaurs and we talked about if we do the same things dinosaurs do at school (eat food, help friends, and problem solve).

Indoor Exploration: Due to weather condition , educators decided to keep students doing outdoors activities . Some students did some exploration on the porch while others had more time at the atelier.

WEDNESDAY

Free exploration: Students spent the morning outside exploring the atelier and playing dress up . Some of the girls decided to make a dress from scratch and it was very fun to see them using their creativity using materials from our environment .

Morning meeting: Today we read a story about the life cycle of trees and how they change with the seasons. Ms. Solange talked with them about the garden and a few students were able to go to the Upper School garden to plant Kale. They had a blast playing with the soil and gently touching the roots of the plants .

Indoor time : Students worked individually on their mats . Some worked with puzzles, others with numbers/letters.

Atelier: Students worked on their own individual ideas. One of our friends worked on making a dinosaur with tree branches and a cardboard box. Other friends worked on gluing glitter and making pictures for their parents.

THURSDAY

Free exploration: Today we spent the morning in the Upper School yard because our trees were deemed unsafe. We really enjoyed exploring the new space with trees, balls, bamboo sticks, and palm fronds.

Morning meeting: We made a circle on the ground and did our morning meeting in the Upper School yard. We read a story about a girl named Lola who refused to eat tomatoes. We talked about food we grew in our garden and noticed Lola made up stories about her food and ended up really like tomatoes.

Atelier: Today we were able to do Upper Schools atelier and the kids loved it! Some of our kiddos made bracelets with beads. Others explored shaving cream and loose parts that made them feel like scientists!

Indoor time : Due to change in our environment we didnt get the chance to use our indoor classroom .

Lunch & Mindfulness: Students told stories at lunch today. Some of our students were able to tell long descriptive stories, while others used few words and action noises. Students love telling stories and this is a great way to expand on verbal communication!

Afternoon activities: Students planted plants into the Upper Schools garden. They worked together to dig holes in the ground to bury the plants!

FRIDAY

Free exploration: Due to the changes in our environment , students had the opportunity to explore 1861 yard and climb the trees. Explore the place and use the upper school atelier to create new designs with clothes pins , and play with shaving cream. During circle time, students picked the same book that Ms. Sydney read the day before and were excited to talk about their food likes and dislikes .

Atelier time : Students had the opportunity to use Upper school atelier today. They had a blast!

Indoor: Due to change in our environment we didn't get the chance to use our indoor classroom .

Afternoon Activities: Non- nappers had the opportunity to color and practice writing their names. Students were very excited about it . A few students decided to explore parts of the body of a fish by coloring , painting and drawing fish body parts.