



Nature Immersion

Weekly Recap

Week of:	February 4-8
Quote of the week	"Children can not bounce off the walls if we take away the walls" -Erin Kenny
Conscious connection	"Power of free will: The only person you can change is you. GOAL: Learning to connect and guide instead of force and coerce." -Conscious Discipline
Birthdays 	<p><u>Happy Birthday to our School Family Members!</u></p> <p>Caden 2/8</p> <p>Ivy 2/10</p> <p>Felicity 2/19</p>
NI News 	<p>Let us take time to welcome Ms. Rachel to our school family this week! Ms. Rachel has her background in anthropology, early childhood and environmental education. We love having specialists teach us their skills and incorporate knowledge into nature play! Welcome Ms. Rachel, we can't wait to play with you!</p> <p>Our school family keeps growing! Welcome Ivy as well to our school family. It was so special to celebrate your third birthday with you, we can not wait to watch you grow!</p>
The More You KNow...	Pride of place is not only something for children to know, but we as educators, adults, beings in a space, should be mindful of in our everyday lives. Pride of place is making a space beautiful, cleaning up after ourselves, being and feeling safe in your space, most importantly, feeling proud of where you are. The more we collectively work towards this, the more we model it for children and ourselves, it will show!
NI	We are so happy to spread Pride of Place throughout our school family. We began the week introducing pride of place during morning meeting; feeling proud of our place, what we are proud of in our space (rope swing,

sandbox, clubhouse), and what we can do to make our space better (clean up, decorate, build, pick up trash). We talked about hearing the same sound (p) when hearing Pride of Place and can say it ourselves!

Outdoor provocations consisted of decorations for our playspace and clubhouse. We had the opportunity to hang metal wired circle shapes throughout the bamboo tunnel and paint them! Students overtime have been painting boxes aka bug houses. Collectively, the boxes have turned into bug rooms, creating a beautiful bug hotel. This week we focused on a spiders habitat, recreating their web with contact paper and talking about the sticky texture the web creates to catch their prey. We also made itsy bitsy spider with water, pvc pipes, and spiders!

Students used palm fronds throughout the week in many different ways. The way they manipulated these natural materials is only a mere example of how vast their imagination is! They used the palm fronds for bedrooms, giants fans, walls, caterpillar leaves, shields, and a quick and efficient way to go down the slide. Students made the tallest pizza, chocolate soup, and sugar soup this week in the mud kitchen.

Next week we will introduce a tree in our play space to observe for the rest of the school year. We also have the idea to plant our own tree, create some tree crafts, and explore the trees in our own backyard.



