



JOURNEYS

SUMMER EXTENSION

WEEK 1

7/8/19 - 7/12/19



STEAM CHALLENGE

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In the morning we will always have a STEAM activity set up which is optional for the students. They may choose to participate in STEAM or an open center.

This week for STEAM we did a diverse array of activities. Monday students made fidgets out of popsicle sticks, string, beads, and tape. The process of focusing and putting the beads onto the string helps develop fine motor skills and the end product of the fidget provided a tool for students to work out any first-day-nerves if they existed.

Tuesday we made water crafts using different floating materials (ping-pong balls, straws, etc.). Students taped the materials together and tested whether the water craft would still float with a small toy animal on it.

Wednesday we discovered which shapes we can make using straws and playdough.

Thursday we made flowers using coffee filters, markers, and water. The students drew on the coffee filters then splashed water on it and watched the colors run.

Friday we identified animal tracks using rulers and a tracking guide.

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE: CREATING A FOOD FOREST

MR. JOSH, MS. MIKAEL

Monday we cleaned up and cleared out the food forest space of plants, mostly oak sprouts and roots. Tuesday we flagged out the edges of our garden beds to visualize the layout.

Wednesday we used a stick and string to make a circle for our banana circle. Then, we flagged it out. Thursday we began digging the hole of the banana circle. We took turns using shovels.

Friday we painted the fence that separates the food forest with Nature Immersion.

RAISING CHICKENS PROJECTS

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We learned about our project and began by observing the inside of an egg. We talked about how to carefully crack an egg and shared the different parts we saw. Students noted their observations by drawing and writing in a chicken project notebook. We also explored models of how the chick inside the egg changes and read informational read alouds about this process.

This weekend I will pick up the fertilized eggs for us to start incubating!