




Nature Immersion

Weekly Recap

Week of:	May 20-24
Conscious connection 	<p>“Before we ever put a pencil in a child’s hands, those hands should dig, climb, press, pull, squish, twist, and pinch in a wide array of environments and with a variety of materials.” -Amanda Morgan</p>
Birthdays 	<p><u>Happy Birthday to our School Family Members!</u></p> <p>Olive Henning 5/25</p>
NI News 	<p>Next Wednesday, June 5, Nature Immersion will be apart of the Verdi EchoSchool exhibition located at the Highland house from 3:30-6:30. This will be the time where your child shows off their student lead project and what we have learned this year!</p>

We welcomed our nature walk back with Ms. Rachel by identifying plants in the alley together. We noticed holly looks like a leaf with spikes on it and is right outside of the door for drop off! We also identified Virginia Creeper growing onto the tree, or as we explained “creeping up the tree”. We also pointed out the Purple Heart, which in fact, did have a flower in the middle that resembled a Purple Heart. We are going to investigate why the plant is purple and not green like the other plants. Another good find in nature this week was a giant mushroom growing under our tomato bed. We also noticed it wasn’t green like other plants.

We introduced a tea set into our classroom this week; using it as a provocation for mint tea parties! Next, we would love a story to go with our tea, we are on the lookout for a tea party literacy connection. We spoke about the safety of handling glass and hot water. Keeping the glass on the table and pouring the water one at a time, using two hands! Students loved adding mint to the water; they said it gave it all of the flavor and was absolutely delicious! We are excited to begin incorporating all of our senses in everyday routines, thank you for your support in our explorations!

During free play, students worked together to build a house out of rope and bamboo sticks. They got creative; making a slide, climbing walls, and a trap for their enemies. Ms. Bridget and Ms. Rachel ended the week making sweet lemonade made with lemons, water, and agave nectar! The students had a lemonade stand and made lemonade for their school family.



