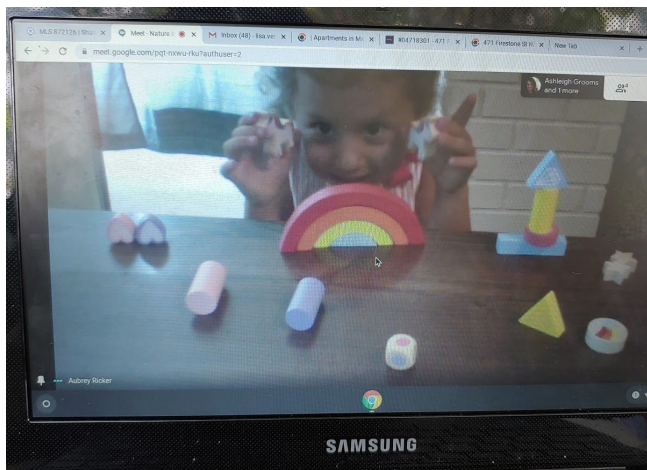




## WEEKLY RECAP

NATURE IMMERSION

4/13 - 4/17



## FREE EXPLORATION: (independent)

The students gathered most of their guided nature study materials from the outdoors this week; seeds, flowers, leaves, and more. Some of our friends shared that they have been taking daily nature walks with a parent as part of their daily rhythm. Others had the opportunity to pick blueberries and peaches with their families. One of our friends has been closely watching the life cycle of butterflies in her own backyard.

## INDOOR EXPLORATION: (independent)

Our friends continue to share favorite toys, projects and other items from home during our show & tell time. This week we had a friend treat us to a puppet show about unicorns and rainbows. She borrowed bits and pieces from our weekly puppet shows to recreate her own.

## MORNING MEETING: (live)

Google Meets - M-F - 9:00-9:30 - [Adc-ypvp-wx](#)

We continued singing **Baa-Baa Black Sheep**, and **Little Arabella Miller (had a fuzzy caterpillar)** this week and added some new verses and songs about seeds to go along with our guided nature studies curriculum.

***"In the heart of every seed buried oh so deep, lies a dear little plant who is fast asleep - wake said the sun and creep to the light - wake said the voice of the raindrops bright - the dear little plant awoke to see, what the wonderful outside world might be."***

The children had a chance to share what kind of plant might grow from them if they were a seed; we had a strawberry plant, a raspberry bush, a pumpkin and a popcorn tree, just to name a few.

## PROJECTS/GROUP ACTIVITIES: (live)

Google Meets - Guided Nature Studies - M-F - 11:00-11:30 - [-oup-seqk-cic](#)

For Monday's lesson we used the book **From Seed to Plant** by Gail Gibbons and learned about the life cycle of plants. We prepared our beans for the germination process by placing them in a wet paper towel in a plastic baggie and taped it to a sunny window. We recorded this process in our nature journals.

On Tuesday we checked on our beans and they had already started to germinate! We examined them with our magnifying glasses to see the little sprout peeking out and recorded this in our nature journals. The children brought different seeds that they had found to share and we read the book **Five Tough Tiny Seeds**.

On Wednesday we studied the parts of a flower. We collected and examined different kinds of flowers and drew a picture of one or more of our flowers in our nature journals. We also read **The Tiny Seed** by Eric Carle about a tiny seed that grows into the world's tallest flower.

Thursday's lesson was about finding patterns in nature and we focused on leaves; noticing their different shapes, sizes, colors, textures and patterns. We used some of our leaves to make etchings from them with crayons and paper to highlight their shapes and patterns. They were very beautiful!

On Friday we made Mandalas out of natural materials;

flower petals, leaves, seeds, grass and other natural materials. Some friends used a template

that they had printed out and others made their own.  
All week long we observed and documented our sprouting beans and on Friday some of us planted them.

## **STORYTELLING : (pre-recorded)**

Google Classroom - Code [bkjhmez](#)

Monday's story was on Facebook live with Mr. John.

On Tuesday the children could watch a puppet show called **Knock-Knock** about a lonely bear who wants to make friends with a family but keeps forgetting to knock before he barges in and scares everyone. He finally learns his lesson and remembers to knock and the family welcomes him and invites him in. Wednesday was the telling story **The Selfish Giant**, a fairy tale by Oscar Wilde.

Thursday's puppet show was **The 3 Billy Goats Gruff** - one of our favorites!

Friday we read the story **The Carrot Seed** about a little boy who plants a carrot seed and never gives up believing that it will come up despite everyone around him telling him that "it won't come up." But guess what - it does come up and it's the biggest carrot you ever did see!

## **FOOD PREPARATION : (pre-recorded)**

Google Classroom - Code [ekwa4uk](#).

Our friends continue to share the healthy snacks they are enjoying at home. We have lots of yummy recipes posted in the classroom as well .

## **GARDENING:**

This week we spent a lot of time studying seeds. We learned about germination and watched our beans sprout. Friday we planted our beans in soil. We read the book, **From Seed to Plant**, and learned that seeds come in all shapes and sizes and travel in many different ways.

Google Classroom - Songs and More - [bvxsnog](#)

Google Classroom - Show and Tell - M-F - 11:30-12:00 - [\\_pqt-nxwu-rku](#)