



NATURE IMMERSION WEEKLY RECAP

2020 - 2021

TERM 1

8/24-8/28



NATURE SPOTLIGHT

MS. MARTHA

This week while playing in the sprinkler we discovered something buried in the mud. It's body was white and brown with an orange head and six legs! Observing it we noticed it was curled up in the shape of the letter C. The students helped to move it to a drier spot in our classroom and it began to dig down into the soil - so cool! We wondered what it might be? Some friends thought it could be a slug or a worm. Later in the week we looked through some insect identification cards and there it was! It was a white grub! Then the students went on a bug hunt to see if they could find other bugs from the identification cards in our classroom.

On Wednesday the students and Ms. Denise found a Zebra Longtail butterfly (the state butterfly of Florida) on our porch! They caught it very gently then put it in our butterfly keeper to observe and draw. Then they released it!

MELTING MARVEL

MS. MARTHA

This week we beat the heat by resting in the shade, taking cool off/water breaks, and playing in water! We noticed that the areas in direct sunlight would get pretty toasty. After our rest time on Thursday we went outside to play and discovered our slide was very hot. One student observed it was "so hot like lava!" Ms. Lisa helped our friends devise an experiment. They decided to test how hot the slide was using a broken crayon. When the crayon touched the slide it began to melt! This exploration was extended with more colors. Watching the crayons melt and mix together was a beautiful sight. Next Ms. Lisa got an extra egg out of the fridge and cracked it onto the slide - the edges began to turn white! Wow!

PROJECT WORK

MS. MARTHA

On Monday we created leaf rubbings with different leaves we had collected around our classroom. It was a little tricky but it was exciting to see the leaves appear! On Wednesday we investigated soil. We looked at four different types of soil from our classroom. Rubbing the earth between our hands we noticed how each soil was the same or different. Some soil was deep and dark and had a rich smell. Other soil was soft and sandy with little rocks mixed in. Which soil do you think plants would like to grow in? After discussing the different types of earth we experimented with mixing them together. How did this new type of soil smell, feel, and look? How interesting! On Thursday we worked together to create some leaf confetti! Using scissors we carefully cut leaves and pine needles that we had collected into small pieces. Some students used their scissors to cut the leaves into squares and triangles. Cutting with scissors is a wonderful way to develop our fine motor strength - plus it's so much fun!

