

Nature Immersion

Weekly Recap

<p>Week of:</p>	<p>April 29- May 3</p>
<p>Conscious connection</p> 	<p>“Scientists have recently determined that it takes approximately 400 repetitions to create a new synapse in the brain- unless it is done with play, in which case it takes between 10 and 20 repetitions.” -Dr. Karyn Purvis</p>
<p>Birthdays</p> 	<p><u>Happy Birthday to our School Family Members!</u></p> <p>Olive Henning 5/25</p>
<p>NI News</p> 	<p>Welcome, Ms. Bridget, an educator from upper school, as she joins us in the absence of Ms. Selina! Ms. Selina is celebrating Ramadan and will be going to Indonesia for the summer, we wish you and your family well!</p>

We are celebrating warm weather with a water study. We began the study asking what we knew and what we were hoping to learn about water. We had questions that asked how did water move, how do things sink and float, what animals live in the water, and how can we play with water? We collected data in our playspace of materials that sank and floated. We noticed that heavy things like rocks and shells sank. We noticed that light things; Moss, sticks, flowers, and love bugs float on top of the water. One hypothesis we had was that there was less air to push the light materials to the ground.. we may have to study gravity as well!! Students explored water in different shapes, containers, textures, colors and temperatures.

Students are in the process of painting the fort and fence in the playspace. We find ourselves having left over paint and excited to decorate the space! As the children are getting older, they are handling materials with mindfulness and control. I often see students picking up big bamboo sticks to make houses or carry them as weapons, finding or being prompted to find a safe place to use it!

Last week, the new soil in our playspace had a great amount of millipedes. We counted them, collected them, and are now watching them grow in our tomato bed. We have also noticed earthworms and beetles in the soil as well. This leads us to question what is different about this soil that makes it have so many bugs?





