



NATURE IMMERSION WEEKLY RECAP

2020 - 2021

TERM 1

8/17-8/21



NATURE SPOTLIGHT

MS. MARTHA

This week something flew over our classroom! It wasn't a plane...it was a pileated woodpecker! The second largest woodpecker in North America it is quite the sight to see. After listening to the call we looked at some pictures. It has such a beautiful red crest! I wonder if it will visit us again.

Ms. Lisa found the cast exoskeleton (or "exuviae") of a cicada with the students. They observed it using magnifying glasses and noticed where the cicadas eyes and legs were. A few friends observed that its legs were "sticky" and it would stick onto things. It made a lovely brooch!

GROWING OUR GREEN THUMB

MS. MARTHA

This week we got to work in the garden. With all the rain many of the plants in our classroom have had a growth spurt and a few needed a trim. Before getting started we talked about how to keep safe when working in a garden with tools. Next we practiced putting on our gardening gloves - finding a place for each finger can be tricky! Then we set to work. The students helped to gather the trimmed leaves and branches putting them all together in a pile. Many friends worked together to carry the trimmings across the classroom. After we had created a large pile of leaves we had some fun jumping into it. When we got tired we spread some blankets over it to make a bed.

PROJECT WORK

MS. MARTHA

On Monday we investigated flowers. We began by talking about flowers - different colors, sizes, and smells. What job do flowers have? One student observed that bees "eat" flowers. We talked about nectar and pollen. Then we got to explore some flowers from our garden by smelling them and feeling the leaves and petals. Finally we began to dissect the flower. Talking and wondering about each part of the flower we removed. On Tuesday we created artwork of our very own flowers. There were so many vibrant and beautiful colors that were chosen! On Thursday we talked about what a pattern is and practiced making patterns with rocks and seashells. Some friends created a line of rocks and shells that went from one side of the table to the other! Others compared the sizes of the shells or created tall stacks of shells and rocks.

