



WEEKLY RECAP

NATURE IMMERSION

4/27- 5/1





FREE EXPLORATION: (independent)

This week we spent time outdoors on a nature scavenger hunt searching for all the things on our list; a pinecone, a stick shaped like a Y, a cloud, wild berries, and an acorn, were some of the items we tried to find. A few of our friends went to a sunflower maze and showed us some of the beautiful sunflowers they brought home. Some of the sunflowers stood taller than their heads!

INDOOR EXPLORATION: (independent)

Our friends continued to share the fun games and activities they are enjoying at home with their families. One friend created his very own garbage dump using pieces of paper for the trash and toys and clothes lining the floor for the road. Another friend showed us a chalk version of chutes and ladders that her mom helped her make on their porch. The children have also been enjoying pretend play at home, engaging in role playing, such as “teacher and student”, with their parents and siblings. .

MORNING MEETING: (live)

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

We added yoga to our morning circle this week and our friends have been enjoying it so much. Many of their siblings have been joining in as well. We shared the book **My Daddy is a Pretzel**, by Baron Baptiste, which talks about some different yoga poses and how they relate to the parents’ occupations in the book. It has descriptions and pictures of the different postures. We were also joined by Meddy Teddy, our yoga bear.

PROJECTS/GROUP ACTIVITIES: (live)

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

On Monday we took our friends along with us on a Nature Walk Scavenger Hunt. We used our mobile devices to stay connected as we walked around the neighborhood trying to find all the items on our list.

On Tuesday we learned about Florida’s Native Animals. Each child had a different “critter sheet” with an animal native to Florida. They had the chance to share their animal and something special about that animal, or something they learned about their animal with the group. They could also color the picture of their animal.

Our projects for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday went along with our story for the week - **Roly Poly Rice Ball**. On Wednesday, we made our own rice balls with sticky sushi rice. After we made our rice balls we could eat them using our chopsticks - or our fingers - or wrap them in our furoshiki cloths to save for later, just like in the story.

On Thursday, we made our own fans (like the ones the lady mice have in the story) using some fancy paper, craft sticks and glue. We folded the paper accordion style, then folded it in half, glued it in the middle, and attached a craft stick to each end. We used a clothespin to hold it together until the glue was dry. Once dry, we removed the clothespin and - Voila! - we had beautiful fans!

On Friday, we used the same folding method - accordion style - on small sheets of tissue paper to make some beautiful flowers. We layered sheets of different colored tissue paper, folded

them, wrapped pipe cleaners around the middle to secure them, rounded the corners with some scissors, and then carefully unfolded and separated the layers, fluffing them out to make colorful flowers!!

STORYTELLING : (pre-recorded)

Google Classroom - Code [bkjhmez](#)

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

Our main story for the week was **Roly Poly Rice Ball**, a Japanese folk tale filled with rich imagery, Japanese culture, and fun sing along songs like *"Roly Poly Rice Ball, Roll right in!"* and *"When the cat is far, far away, flowers will bloom, flowers will bloom, in Mouse Country, in Mouse Country."* Much of our project work this week was based on the story; making rice balls, fans and paper flowers. Our friends also had the opportunity to catch up on any of the other pre-recorded puppet shows and stories that they hadn't seen yet. They are available in Google Classroom under Nature Immersion Storytelling. We also read the book **Wabi Sabi**, about a cat who sets off to find the meaning of her name - Wabi Sabi - and ends up finding beauty and harmony in all sorts of unexpected places. She also discovers that the true meaning of her name is more about a way of seeing the world; that two things which are seemingly opposite or contradictory, can coexist, creating something uniquely beautiful.

FOOD PREPARATION : (pre-recorded)

Google Classroom - Code [ekwa4uk](#).

Our friends continued to share the tasty snacks they are enjoying at home. A couple of friends were really missing bread day so they made our yummy bread at home. We heard it didn't last long! We learned how to make japanese rice balls during our guided nature studies this week. It was so much fun to make these sticky treats and enjoy them together!

GARDENING:

This week our friends continued exploring outside and finding new things to see in nature. We talked about transplanting our bean plants into larger pots as they are growing so quickly and need more space. We also discussed ways to support the plants as they are getting taller and taller each day.

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

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