



WEEKLY RECAP

NATURE IMMERSION

4/20-4/24





FREE EXPLORATION: (independent)

Our friends spent time outdoors gathering leaves, flowers, seed pods and other natural materials for their guided nature studies projects. Some friends enjoyed nature walks with their families and others spent time at the beach. Several of the children had a chance to go fruit picking, gathering blueberries, peaches, and strawberries. We talked about all the ways they planned to use their fruit.

INDOOR EXPLORATION: (independent)

Our friends continue to share favorite toys, projects and other items from home during our show & tell time. We had friends share lego projects they'd built with family members, including trains, cars, robots, boats, and Star Wars themed creations. We even got a sneak peak at a book one of our friends is working on. .

MORNING MEETING: (live)

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

In addition to our regular morning circle songs, we continued our seed songs and verses and added a couple of new ones this week. We sang **This Old Man**, and **Travelled Over Land and Sea**, an interactive song where the children take turns telling us what "land" we belong to. For example, clapping land, karate chop land, jumping land, twirling like a princess land, etc., and we all have to do what's in that land. We also had a visit from another puppet friend, Foxy Loxy, to play a special version of Simon Says- Foxy Loxy says.

PROJECTS/GROUP ACTIVITIES: (live)

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

For Monday's lesson we created seed bombs. We used clay, potting soil, wildflower seeds, and water to form marble size balls. This was a fun, messy, hands-on project. Once dried, we placed them in our yards. Soon we will have wild flowers blooming everywhere!

Tuesday's project was leaf art inspired by the book **Look What I Did With A Leaf!** Our friends gathered leaves of all shapes, sizes and colors and created pictures of animals and whole scenes using the leaves they found. We enjoyed sharing what we created with each other; there were birds, fish, turtles, frogs, an elephant, a mouse, and even a manta ray!

On Wednesday our friends gathered materials from nature to weave into their handmade nature looms. This was a peaceful, calming activity for the children, and they created beautiful representations of nature with flowers, ferns, sticks, and greenery.

On Thursday we studied star patterns in nature. We looked at starfish, plants, fruits and flowers. We discovered that some flowers resemble stars, and that if you cut an apple in half it has a star inside! We read the Eric Carle book, **Draw Me a Star**, and practiced drawing our own stars and learned that it's okay to not know how to do something and that we can keep trying until we figure it out.

Friday we made lanterns using glass jars, tissue paper that we tore up into small pieces, and glue diluted with a little water. We used a paintbrush to put glue onto the outside of the jar and attached the pieces of tissue paper to create a colorful lantern.

STORYTELLING : (pre-recorded)

Google Classroom - Code [bkjhmez](#)

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

On Tuesday we read **The Little Island**, a beautiful book with wonderful pictures depicting the different seasons on the island, animals, and nature. Even though the little Island is surrounded by water, it knows it is still part of the big world because "all the land is one land under the sea".

Wednesday was our telling story, a German fairy tale called **Granny Evergreen**. We learned that quarreling and going to bed angry is not very helpful.

On Thursday we read the very silly book, "**STAND BACK," SAID THE ELEPHANT, "I'M GOING TO SNEEZE!"** This book is filled with all kinds of animals, rhyming words and funny ideas.

On Friday we did the puppet show **A Fairy Went a Marketing**, a sweet story about a fairy who loves and appreciates the beauty of living creatures, but knows it's best not to keep them and releases them back into the natural world.

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. This week some of our friends enjoyed soup day at home, chip-chopping their vegetables just like we do at school; Chip- Chop, Chip-Chop, strong and proper chop-chops! One friend made homemade jam with the strawberries they picked and ate the whole jar! Tasty!

GARDENING:

This week we made seed bombs and placed them outside for Earth Day. Pretty soon we will have wild flowers blooming all over our yards. We also checked on our bean plants and have noticed how tall they are getting.

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

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