




Nature Immersion Weekly Recap

Week of:	February 20–23, 2018
Conscious Connection	“Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.” – Nelson Mandela
Conscious Commitment 	This week, I commit to seeing all behavior, the good and the less desirable, as communication.
Wish Wells 	Holding the Parkland Community close and taking a collective breath for healing.
Celebration 	Dana walking over to Bella after a disagreement, cupping her face in his hands and saying: “Bella, I won’t do that again.” Such a beautiful way to commit to keeping a school family member safe!
Birthdays 	<u>Happy Birthday to February School Family Members!</u> Caden 2/8 Felicity 2/19 Poppy 2/28
That was helpful! 	Ms. Friederike made some playdough for our school family. That was helpful!
NI News 	<p>As a reminder, please keep in mind that drop-off begins at 9am. In order to keep our school family safe, we ask that you please wait at the gate to be greeted by an educator when dropping off and picking up your child. The next Scholastic book order will be due by Feb. 28th. You may place orders at https://clubs.scholastic.com. Our class code is T244Z.</p> <p>If you would like to make a donation to our class, there’s a Wish List posted on our door. Some of the things listed are pipettes, finger paints, ribbon for weaving on the fence,, drawing/art paper and loose parts.</p> <p>We want your empty boxes! The children are having tons of fun getting creative and playing with cardboard boxes. Please send us any</p>

	<p>medium-large boxes you may have.</p> <p>Parents your child will have a chance to bring in a special toy on a pre-selected show and tell date, until then please keep all toys at home.</p>
The More You Know...	<p>It's Ok Not to Share</p> <p>"That's the moment when your child experiences the rush of good feelings that comes from being kind to others. It's true generosity. It's a warm feeling. One she'll want to repeat over and over – whether a parent is watching or not."</p>
NI Recap	<p>The NI class personalized their new Observation Journals this week. A face-making station was added to the centers this week. The children had a chance to make faces using a round cork trivet and other loose parts. The students had a lot of fun with numbers and there was a lot of counting going on in our class this week.</p> <p><u>Afternoon</u></p> <p>We have been talking about working together to strengthen our classroom community, so this week we worked on several cooperative building projects in the afternoon. We created a large marble roll structure, as well as a lego town with community helpers such as firefighters and police officers. We have also been concentrating on letter sounds, and extending the morning writing activities by practicing beginning word sounds in the afternoon with some letter manipulatives and corresponding cards. We have been practicing counting and sorting, and used the sandpaper letters to solidify number identification this week.</p> <p>On Friday we had a weaving activity where we used different types of ribbon, yarn and string to weave through the fencing in the Nature Immersion outdoor classroom. We practiced cutting and tying the string as well as different weaving patterns.</p> <p>During gardening time we watered our garden using "special" rainwater! Then we snapped off pieces of longevity spinach at the stem, took off the lower leaves, then transplanted them into our garden beds. Afterwards we painted pictures of a beautiful garden in our imagination.</p>
Toddler Time	<p>We keep working on fine motors skills and gross motor as well, had a lot of fun scooping, pinching seeds and sorting and of course the sensory table is one of the favorites.</p> <p>Thank you for the new puzzles!</p> <p>They did it !!</p>
Next week...	<p>We have noticed that the children have shown an interest in things that move. We will be exploring that curiosity in the upcoming weeks. We are trying to put together an Alphabet Book. You can help by cutting out different fonts of the letter F that you find in your environment like cereal</p>

