




# Nature Immersion

## Weekly Recap

Week of:	<b>April 30–May 4th, 2018</b>
Quote of the Week	Willingness is embedded in relationships.
Conscious Commitment 	<a href="#">We're all in this together</a>
Birthdays 	<b><u>Happy Birthday to April School Family Members!</u></b> April 2 – Esca
NI News 	Can you believe the school year is nearly over?! Where did the time go? On May 14th 5–7pm and May 15th 8–9am, we will be having end of the year, Parent–Educator Conferences. There will be a sign–up sheet at the school, if you wish to meet with the Nature Immersion team. Each session will be approximately 15 min.  We have an Amazon <a href="#">Wishlist!</a>
The More You Know...	<a href="#">More then just play dough</a>
NI Recap	This week in Nature Immersion we welcomed two new friends into our school family. Lakota and Aubrey. Make sure you say hello and give them a warm welcome when you see them around. We continued to learn about handling conflict and difficult situations with Shubert and Sophie. We read some of the Shubert books, then the students had an opportunity to retell the story using the Shubert and Sophie dolls. Ms. Carmen even wore some wings to look like Mrs. Bookbinder. We explored a variety of loose parts from colorful pouch tops to woolly balls, mini pinecones and wood chips. The students had fun letting their imaginations run wild. Outside we added some large cable spools. The children had fun building an obstacle course hopping from spool to spool, over logs and into tires. There was some creative dramatic play happening outside on Wednesday. The children sat in the tires and pretended to be baby birds

	<p>while the other classmates were the mommies and daddies gathering “worms” for them to eat. It was fun to watch!</p> <p>Many thanks to Desmond's mom for donating a box of loose parts which added interest to our centers and Dana’s mom for donating the letter tiles to add to our literacy center. Your contributions are a valuable addition to our learning environment!</p>
	<p>What a week! We began the week learning about snakes and the function of their body parts. We read a book called I don’t like Snakes; we learned about the shedding of their skin, the way snakes move their bodies (slither, swim, twine in trees, and fly), we also learned snakes smell with their tongues! I have noticed that we are very fond of snakes in our play space so we made snakes out of paper towel rolls. The snakes’ body was kept together with ribbon, but also flexible enough to slither and move their body in different directions. Another project we did involved reused ziploc bags, water, and food coloring! We filled ziploc bags with water first, then added food coloring to be able to see the changes in the water. We were able to squish, smash, and touch the bags to make the water move around. We talked about the different colors each child made (orange, blue, red, green). We also mixed the red and blue water to make the color purple! The ziploc bags did not last forever, however we had some fun pouring it in the water table and playing with pink water! We finished the week off with an amazing water slide donated to us for the day, as well as, Beebs and the Money Makers coming by to share music and instruments with us. We really appreciate all of the donations; we have new loose parts, waterslide fun, the best activities made out of reused everyday items, and ukuleles!</p>
<p>We Care Center</p> 	<div><div><p><b>Don't blame the kids</b></p><p>"When children <b>press your buttons</b> they are not responsible for the buttons that are there."</p><p><i>Dr Louise Porter • Artist: Eugenio Cuttica</i></p><p><b>Inflamed or Informed?</b></p><p>We are <b>inflamed</b> when we blame the kids: "You make me so angry, how many times have I told you?" The safe way to deal with our buttons being pressed is to breathe; find the gap; then deal with the upset respectfully and without blame. We are <b>informed</b> when we realise the 'button' has done us a favour. It has alerted us to stuff that we are holding, stuff we haven't dealt with - and that's why we went off in anger. <b>Our buttons are our reliable guide to what we need to deal with in our own journey to wholeness.</b></p></div></div>