

Nature Immersion

Weekly Recap

Week of:	April 16-20, 2018
Quote of the Week	"You can't teach children to behave better by making them feel worse. When children feel better, they behave better." -Pam Le
Conscious Commitment 	This week I commit to noticing my own upset and calming myself so that I be more responsive instead of reactive.
Wish Wells 	Sending well wishes to Karl who just returned from his trip to Germany! We are excited to welcome you back Karl!
Birthdays 	<u>Happy Birthday to April School Family Members!</u> April 2 - Esca
You did it! 	
NI News	<p>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.</p> <p>We have an Amazon Wishlist! If you'd like to make a contribution to our growing program, check it out! Please note, this is list can be used for ideas on what's needed. If you find these items at more affordable prices elsewhere, used, or even if you're feeling handy and can make some of the items yourself (like the light table or book stand) that works too!</p> <p>Loose parts still wanted! We will be collecting loose parts throughout the year. Please bring some in. Check this link, if you're unsure what loose parts are.</p>

<p>The More You Know...</p>	<p>Controlling childrens play</p>
<p>NI Recap</p>	<p>This week we had fun exploring some new materials Ms. Carmen brought into our indoor play space. We read The Dot and created our own Dot masterpieces using colored water, eye droppers and coffee filters. The art work is displayed outside for your enjoyment. it was a busy week! This week we continued to play with the letter B and some games that develop children’s phonemic awareness. We played a game where we substituted the beginning sound of their names with /b/. There was tons of giggles all around. The children had a blast! So, if they call you a funny name. Don’t take it personally. We also played a game called “I’m going to Bermuda, and I am going to bring_____” Students took turns naming some things that begin with a /b/. We also explored some new materials I brought into our NI play space like, puzzles, geoboards and alphabet stamps. Lastly, we read The Dot by Peter Reynolds. Then the children created a dot masterpiece of their own using food coloring, pipettes and coffee filters. Their masterpieces are hanging on the wall outside. Come take a look!</p>
<p>Toddler Time</p>	<p>The toddlers spent the week exploring and decorating cardboard cars. We noticed that the boxcars needed to have four wheels on them in order to move efficiently. If we lost a wheel, the car was tilted and could not move as well. The toddlers spent time decorating each of their own cars; using scissors, glue, feathers, gems, and construction paper to make their own unique vehicles. The boxes were used as cars, garbage trucks, dump trucks, and race cars. We added a ramp to make the cars move quicker, the incline helped move the cars without needing our help. The toddlers noted immediately that the wheels helped make the cars move! We also created puppets with brown paper bags and paint. Next week we will add teeth and additional features to make the puppets look more like animals, dinosaurs, and whatever ideas they come up with! We painted binoculars as well with toilet paper rolls. Another recyclable item we used was water bottles for blowing bubbles. We cut a hole at the bottom of the bottle, dipped the bottle in soap and water, and made giant bubbles! We really appreciate the donations of reusable items, we have a great time turning them into fun projects!</p>
<p>We Care Center</p> 	

Going inward. That's the real work. The solutions are not outside of us. Get to know who you really are, because as you search for the hero within, you inevitably become one.

Emma Tiebens



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