

Weekly



News

Week of April 15th, Four-day PreK class 2019

This Week's News:

The topic of the week concerned birds where they lived in the world, different ways they make their nests and discussing what birds and people might eat that is similar.

We observed the sprouted seeds from last week emerging from the soil they were planted in. We measured and noticed how "leggy" the sunflower sprouts had become and wondered why they were so floppy. We practiced weaving ribbon and string through a grid, after reading about how some birds weave their nests together.

We noticed that the leaves on the apple branches beginning to open and the flowers on the forsythia branches are dropping.

A giant tri color fuzzy bumble bee was found on the sidewalk and we brought him inside to investigate.

Made a book out of 4 pages of pictures sequencing a baby chick hatching. Literally deciding which came first the chicken or the egg.

Pretended to be a tiny seed growing from the ground with the poem in the heart of a seed.

Learned fun facts about bird beak shapes and how the different shapes help them eat certain things.

We are Learning:

That birds eat SEEDS and so do people. Birds eat worms, people do not. Birds need shelter, food, water, light and dark, just like people and plants to grow and be healthy and strong.

Playing in potting soil is fun and has a nice smell that is stronger when it gets wet. It also feels heavier because it absorbed the water added to it.

Experimenting with bird seed we noticed that it changed texture and could not be poured anymore when it was wet.

We learned that birds that have short strong beaks use them to open seeds and nuts. Birds that live near water have long sword like beaks to sear fish, Large birds with big talons use those claws to hunt and grab snakes, mice, rabbits and sometimes other birds to eat.

Painting with turkey feathers in tiny bit of water color makes interesting marks different than a brush.

We learned through an experiment blowing over the top of a piece of paper how air moves over and around a wing feather to lift it.

The names of two kinds of feathers on all birds are called Downy feathers or contour feathers.

One kind helps birds stay warm and buoyant in water and the other helps them fly. Birds clean their feathers by preening to get dirt and insects off them.

That grass seed grows fast and feels soft to touch and grows straight up.

How birds' bees and spring plants need each other. We observed how our found bee moved very slowly when we found him outside because it was cold but when he was in a warmer protected environment with some water and new dandelions he moved around a lot. We observed his 6 legs, antenna and his bright colors reddish yellow, orange, and black and that he was very fuzzy.

One of the children named him KING SUMMER another child thanked us for providing comfort for the bee. These are the best perks of working with these brilliant kind observant kids.

Upcoming Events and Reminders :



PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN AND TO SIGN OUT EVERY DAY AND TO REMIND THE NANNIES + ALTERNATIVE PICK UP FOLKS As well, Thank you

SUNSCREEN TIME: if it's a sunny day please start applying sun screen in the am. We will re-apply before we go outside. Its springtime in the Rockies and weather is random. BUT we must be vigilant to protect our kids in our high-altitude state.

Hawk quest: Tuesday May 7th 10:00

SAVE THE DATE: Friday May 10th. Invite to follow: ANUUAL MOTHERS DAY TEA (and This year, 4-day 4yr old continuation recognition to be held Friday May 10th.) Invitation to follow.

Walk to dinosaur park picnic. Friday May 17th (weather allowing) No rain date. 4 walking parents needed from T- land to dinosaur park and to help supervise play time there. We will have put a sign-up sheet for walkers out. Other parents and sibs are welcome to meet us there. Lunches will be brought to the park.