

THE FAMILY BANNER PROJECT is coming! Look for a separate email that explains the project. We hope everyone will participate!!

Since we are gathering each week on the playground to meet at our pretend campfire for stories, songs and nature related conversations, we thought it would be great fun to have a campsite in our classroom. Dramatic play has been a place to climb inside a tent, lie in a sleeping bag, share a lantern and read books together. A picnic area equipped with a cooler, drinks and food were added, along with a fire for cooking. We also added a wooden rocking boat for the children to sit in and four magnetic poles with fish for fishing. For art, the children enjoyed making their own pretend S'mores with cardboard, felt and cotton rounds which they glued together. We introduced two new camping songs and played a "Picnic/Bear" game during circle time. We included some activities that needed partners to participate. For example, the children asked each other to paint their hands and print them on paper, marble paint together, rock in the boat, and set up the pins in the bowling game for each other. Just like in "Mystery Friend" the children discover common interests as they join in activities together.

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Teacher Pat for visiting us

Everyone for attending the Parent/Teacher conferences. We appreciate the time you took to meet with us.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR NATURE CLASSROOM

At "Campfire" time this past month, we gathered to sing songs and play rhythm sticks together. We also made up our own story using familiar props from the classroom. Each child pulled an item out of a backpack and added their idea to create the story.

The weather is a common theme here at school. We observe the clouds, any precipitation, the wind and how cold it is daily. Looking out the classroom windows helps us determine how to dress for outside, or whether we need to make other plans. The children are very curious about the weather. PLEASE SEND IN WARM WEATHER GEAR FOR OUTSIDE! Your children need to have boots, snow pants, hats and mittens.

Favorite Songs, Books, and Yoga

"A Camping We Will Go" song, "I was Lying in My Sleeping Bag" song, "Mr. Sun" song

Just Me and My Dad Little Critter by M. Meyer

Curious George Goes Camping by M. Rey

Ricky the Rock that Couldn't Roll by J. Miletsy

Yoga Breathing with Beanie Babies for rocking to sleep

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