



Pre-K Newsletter: *May*

Dear Pre-K Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. This week, we will be starting the final unit of the Pre-K for ME Curriculum, called “Things That Grow.” This unit is such a joy from start to finish! The stories are engaging and the activities evoke a connectedness to nature. There are definitely many activities that I’m disappointed we will not be able to do together as a class (making vegetable soup, planting, building a wormery, and of course using the compost we so carefully created), but I know we can work together to make this unit fun and exciting at home!

Unit 6 Overview

In Unit 6, Things That Grow, children synthesize skills and concepts they have learned during the previous five units as they explore the life cycle and learn how both plants and animals grow and develop. Children study, observe, plant, and nurture a variety of seeds, and children continue using their skills as researchers to research oviparous animals and gardens growing around the world. Children examine their own development from babies to capable, independent children in the context of considering how much they have grown from the beginning to the end of the school year. Opportunities to reflect on children’s academic, emotional, social and physical growth are emphasized in this unit as a way of bringing the idea of ‘things that grow’ to a point of personal and immediate connection for children. In multiple contexts children continue to strengthen phonemic awareness, letter recognition, rhyming, and other core foundational skills.

Books from Unit 6

• Zinnia’s Flower Garden, Monica Wellington • The Ugly Vegetables, Grace Lin • Community Soup, Alma Fullerton • Make Way For Ducklings, Robert McCloskey • Bigger!, Daniel Kirk • The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Eric Carle

Be well,
Ms. Valente