

The News, Naturally

November 2022



A note from our Interim Head of School

As the month of Thanksgiving is upon us, it is nice to take a moment to reflect on what we're thankful for at TNS.

I am grateful for each family who makes the choice to choose The Nature School each day, even on days when it might be a long drive, or your car is filthy from outdoor gear. :)

I am grateful for each teacher who prepares a space for learning and children's curiosity.

I am grateful for the promise of Montessori, Waldorf, and for the potential of the child in our amazing outdoor learning environment. I'm grateful for our collective hope and ability to imagine school looking different, our world looking more peaceful and our hope to connect to the natural elements of this beautiful earth.

And, I am incredibly grateful this little school with big dreams exists and our unified commitment to see it succeed, for all of the children who fill it.

~ Miss Meagan

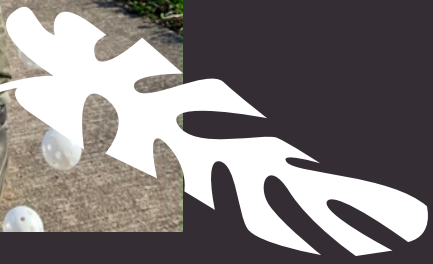
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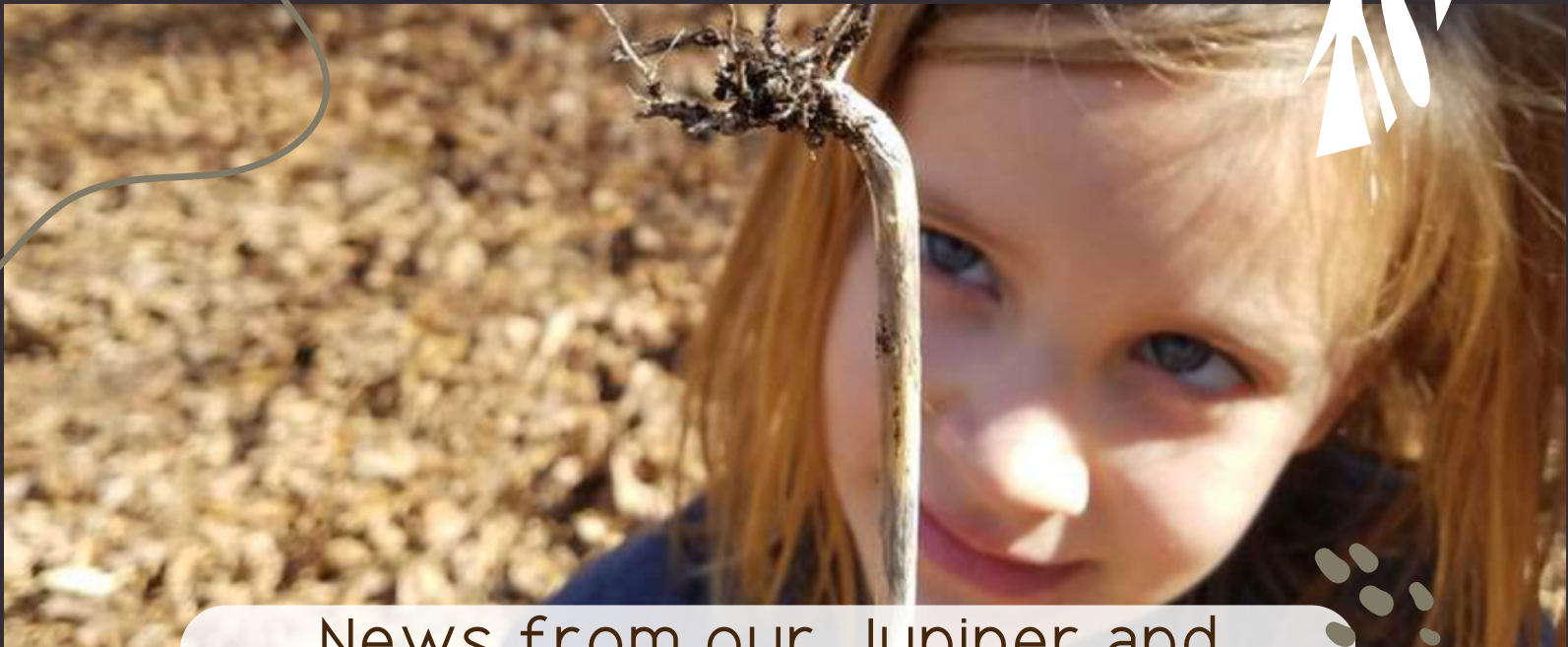
News from Our Primary Classroom

WE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE AUTUMNAL SEASON WITH SOME NATURE OBSERVATIONS OF PUMPKINS, GOURDS, LEAVES, AND OTHER PLANTS. STUDENTS HAVE CONTINUED TO EXPLORE PLANT LIFE CYCLES, AND MANY HAVE BECOME CURIOUS ABOUT THE NUTS SQUIRRELS HAVE BEEN HARVESTING AND WHETHER THOSE ARE THE SAME NUTS THAT CAN SPROUT A TREE!

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE, WE'VE ALSO BEEN BUILDING OUR LANGUAGE AND MATH SKILLS THROUGH A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES - FROM WRITING AND DRAWING, CREATING RECIPES IN THE MUD KITCHEN, RHYMING GAMES, NATURE JOURNALING, COLLABORATIVE WORK, AND MANIPULATING HANDS ON MATERIALS FOR COUNTING, ADDING, AND CLASSIFYING.

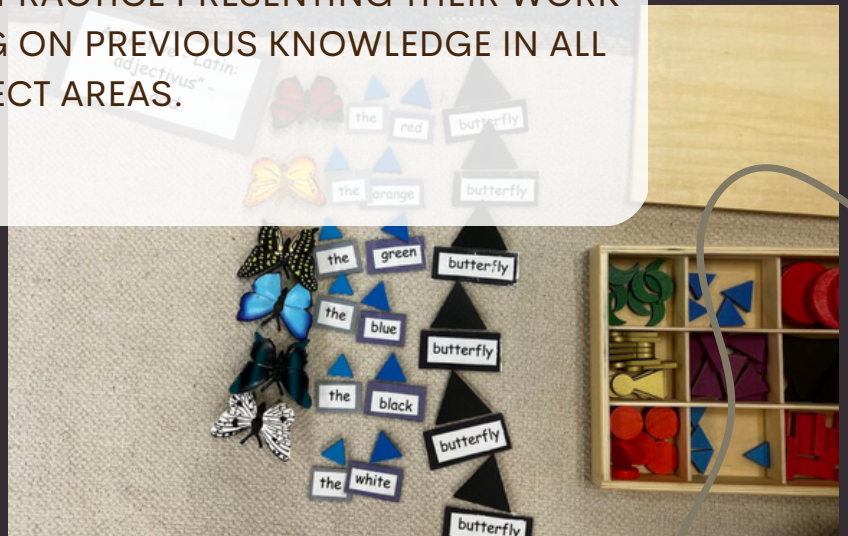


Lower Elementary



News from our Juniper and Royal Ferns Classrooms

BOTH OF OUR LOWER ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS HAVE EXPERIENCED A NATURAL "HUM" IN THEIR CLASSROOMS AS THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER UNFOLDED. STUDENTS WORKED COLLABORATIVELY AS THEY LEARNED ABOUT FRACTIONS, ADJECTIVES, THE ROCK CYCLE, PLACE VALUE, ROOTS, NATIVE AMERICANS, LAND AND WATER FORMS, AND THE HISTORY OF THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR. LESSONS BEGIN IN THE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT AND ARE TAKEN OUTSIDE FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION. ADDITIONALLY, CHILDREN ARE RECEIVING MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO PRACTICE PRESENTING THEIR WORK TO PEERS, AND ARE BUILDING ON PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE IN ALL SUBJECT AREAS.



Upper Elementary



News from our Redbud Classroom

HERE IS A LITTLE OF WHAT UPPER EL STUDENTS WORKED ON THIS MONTH:

LANGUAGE: STUDENTS WORKED ON CREATIVE WRITING PROMPTS THAT INVITED THEM TO TELL A STORY ABOUT WAKING UP IN A BOOK AND TELL THE READERS ABOUT THEIR ADVENTURES WHILE THEY WERE THERE! WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT CONJUNCTIONS; THEIR PURPOSE AND THE DIFFERENT KINDS.

- MATH: WE CONTINUED OUR EXPLORATION OF WORD PROBLEMS BY DESIGNING OUR OWN AND BREAKING THEM DOWN USING UPSC. THIS WEEK WE WILL CHALLENGE OURSELVES BY BEGINNING A DISCUSSION OF MULTI-STEP WORD PROBLEMS.

WE ALSO REVIEWED LONG DIVISION AND DISCOVERED THAT NO MATTER HOW LARGE THE NUMBERS, WE ALWAYS USE THE SAME FOUR STEPS (DMSD) IN THE EXACT SAME ORDER!

- CULTURAL: WE TALKED ABOUT NATIVE AMERICANS IN INDIANA.



Middle School



News from our Poison Ivy classroom

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS FOCUSED ON SCIENCE AS THE MAIN LESSON BLOCK. 7TH GRADERS LEARNED CONCEPTS RELATED TO EARTH SCIENCE AND 8TH GRADERS STUDIED PHYSICS.

A HIGHLIGHT OF NOVEMBER WAS THE YEAR LONG MICRO ECONOMICS PROJECT, WHICH WAS A STUDENT ART GALLERY. THE CHILDREN CREATED ART FOR A SCHOOL-WIDE ART SHOW. OVER \$1000 WAS RAISED FOR THEIR END OF THE YEAR TRIP!

FORMAL FRIDAYS ALSO CONTINUED, WITH CHILDREN PREPARING ALL THE INGREDIENTS FOR A CLASS MEAL. CHILI WAS A RECENT HIT!

