

March Reflection 2019



Over the last few weeks, the Possum room had a variety of interesting experiences to enjoy.

We enjoyed celebrating Cultural Diversity Week which provided us with a wide range of experiences every day, starting with a St. Patrick's Day painting. We have now created an Art Gallery area in our room and our St. Patrick's Day painting is our first experience to hang in our art space. The children are enjoying the painting experiences in our Art Studio area outdoors, but this was the first time we had explored painting using our hands instead of using painting instruments.

This week also provided us with many books and poems to celebrate International Read to Me Day and World Poetry Day. On World Harmony Day, the children were given the opportunity to play alongside their older peers in the Koala and Kookaburra yard. Typically, when we provide this type of activity, we would go in small groups for short periods of time. On this day, we all went over together and spend the entire morning enjoying some singing, dancing and exploring of the "Big" yard. We wrapped up the week's festivities with the Holi-Hindi Festival of Colours where we celebrated different cultures by dressing in our traditional countries attire. We explored colours within every experience we participated in. Coloured bouncy balls, multi-coloured blankets for outdoor picnics, art media in many forms such as markers, pencils, crayons and paints, all in a wide range of colours. Educators continued to talk about what each colour was and the children eagerly responded by asking and guessing what each colour was throughout the day.

We have also had an incursion the last week of March. Little Fox came to visit our room and play traditional drums. He is Native American and he shared his passion of drums by showing us not only Native American style drums, but those commonly found in Africa as well. After Little Fox played the drums for us, the children were given the opportunity to try the different drums for themselves and hear the difference between playing softly and playing loudly.

Finally, we enjoyed our first Monday group excursion to the community garden to explore and tend to the fruit and vegetables growing there. We watered the garden and explored each plant and the fruit/vegetable that grew from it. We talked about the eggplant and how each one was a different size because they were at different stages of growing, just like us!



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