

February Reflection 2020

The second half of February has been full of exploratory play in our outdoor yard. The children have been pushing their capabilities and showing educators how confident and clever they are. Climbing, jumping and crawling has been just a few of the ways they are now using our climbing equipment. The children were so eager to jump off the blue beam that we have talked with the children about how they would like to rearrange the equipment for the month of March.

Bike riding and bike safety have been an interest as well. The children seek out the helmets before getting on the bikes which was exciting to see. They have been mirroring this interest throughout the yard and even our smallest child wants to wear the helmets now.

Our outdoor space is also the home of many other experiences such as the home corner area, art studio and the water table filled with bugs, frogs, turtles and lizards. The children are spending a lot of time throughout the day exploring these areas with interest and a lot of focus. The art studio is consistently full with children painting on the wall while others are using the art easels to create with crayons and pencils. Our home corner has become a great spot to recreate home activities such as making meals and the children frequently talk about the foods that are available to their play. This is a great opportunity to develop their language skills by talking about broccoli, rock melon, pancakes, babycinos as well as ingredients such as eggs, milk, flour and honey.

We have also had a lovely visit from Lamine Sonko who is a drummer. He showed the children how his african drums can play different tones depending on the size and shape of the drum and how and where they are hit. Lamine gave the children an opportunity to try and play the drums for themselves which was very exciting for all the Possums.

Educators have been noticing a lot more independence within our routine. Hand washing is becoming automatic when the children know it is a mealtime or when they are finished getting cleaned up in the bathroom. The children are getting very comfortable with sleep time routines and scraping their own dishes as well as removing their bibs and washing up after a meal.

These experiences have helped developed new ideas for experiences for the month of March which will include changing the climbing equipment, new tools and techniques for painting and our playdough table as well as some fun new group time experiences and stories.



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