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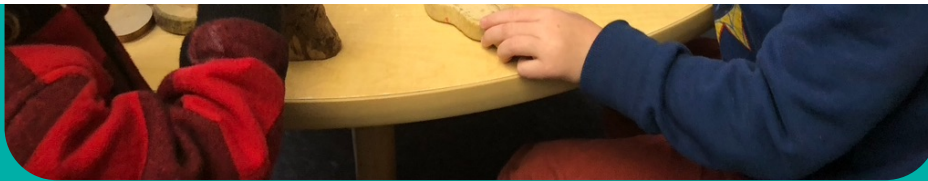


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October 16, 2020







Curriculum and Activities:

Open House - Our School Community and Tree Study

- We concluded our School Community study on Tuesday by **interviewing** Eileen, Nyeasha and Carey about the work they do at Open House. We brainstormed a few questions to ask these important people:
 - "Nyeasha, how do you do the bell so people can come in?" Nyeasha showed friends how she uses her telephone to unlock the front doors.
- During Art, **Harlan showed us how to use scissors** properly and safely to cut different shapes out of strips of paper. Children then cut their own shapes, organized it on their paper to make a design or picture, then when satisfied with their work pasted the shapes with glue.
- We read **A Tree is Nice** by Janice May Auldry and then brainstormed **What Do We Know about Trees?** Here are some ideas:
 - "They grow." Charlie
 - "Wind blows trees." Jackson
 - "Foxes live in trees. They climb up when they sleep and they climb down when they hunt." James
 - "Leaves fall down." Gabriel
 - "They can almost reach up to the sun." Ryan
- We **made hand sanitizer** from our aloe vera plant and alcohol, adding drops

of essential lemon oil. We replanted our small aloe plant into a bigger pot so it had room to grow bigger.

- We learned that trees have similar parts to smaller plants with **roots** growing down, **leaves, flowers and fruits** growing up on the **crown**. The stems of a tree are called **trunks** from which **limbs, branches and twigs** grow. Bayou friends pasted tree part labels on a tree picture.

Next week, we will continue our **Tree Study investigation**, with tree walks on Warren St, observing and sketching parts and life cycles of a tree.

Schedule Notes:

October 27th (Tuesday) at 4pm: **Classroom Curriculum Meeting** - via Zoom

November 3 & 11: **Parent Teacher Conferences** - School Closed for children

Veronica is available Tuesdays at 4pm for any phone calls, should you need to discuss any concerns.

Pictures and Videos:

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Just for Fun:

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