

Dear Families,

Happy Thursday! We continued learning all about simple machines this week. We focused on learning about ramps, and conducted a class experiment on whether objects roll or slide. We also learned skills for joining others in play.

What did we work on this week?

Our class read All About Ramps. During Second Step, we learned about positive ways to join others in play. We continued practicing our new small group routine, where students rotate between four small group activities. We are enjoying all of the new learning opportunities! We practiced extending patterns using magnetic fish and a fishing rod, we built letters out of wood pieces, and we practiced our letter sounds. We now have marble-works set up in our sensory table with water marbles, and a ramp set up at our science table with objects to roll or slide down the ramp. At the art table, we had loads of fun designing a puppet, and a flower sponge painting.

What will we do next week?

- Begin our building study!
- Read Buildings, Buildings, Buildings
- Design a building using shapes
- Continue to learn about how to join in play during Second Step
- Create a building sculpture using playdough and popsicle sticks
- Practice describing the characteristics of shapes
- Notice and discriminate alliteration through games

Reminders:

- **Please remember to check your child's backpack after school each day for important items being sent home.**