

Dear Families,

Happy Thursday! We had a fun week learning all about insects. We have an ant farm with live ants for our students to observe! Linda, our long-term substitute in Mrs. Rachel's position, started in our classroom on Tuesday.

What did we work on this week?

Our class read Creepy Crawly Calypso and Insect Quest this week. We learned all about the characteristics of insects, and made observations of ants at our science table. During Second Step, we thought about solutions to problems that might occur during play time. We now have a campsite set up in our dramatic play area with a small fire pit, a tent, cooking utensils, and food. At small group, we practiced having book conversations and we practiced counting skills using dice. Students created their journal cover page and made a ladybug to bring home.

What will we do next week?

- Read The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Learn about the life cycles of various insects
- Create a caterpillar stamping painting
- Design a butterfly using watercolors and coffee filters
- Sort insects based on their characteristics in the sensory table
- Pretend to be an ant building a tunnel made out of large paper bags in our block area.
- Learn about the concepts of print and how to use classification skills at small group.

Reminders:

- **On your child's last day of preschool, we will be having preschool graduation! We will be having snacks and a graduation ceremony in the classroom. We look forward to seeing you there!**
- **If your child is going to be absent from school, please call your child's bus company. Their phone numbers are listed below.**

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