

Dear Families,

We had an exciting week learning all about simple machines! We have all new centers in our classroom that help to reinforce our understanding of simple machines. We also learned skills for inviting others to join in play.

What did we work on this week?

Our class read My Neighbors and Their Simple Machines and Lola Loves Stories this week. During Second Step, we learned about how to invite others to play. We now have a puppet show set up in our dramatic play area, and a gears set at our science table. Each day we practiced our new small group routine, which involves rotating through 4 different small group table activities each day. We made a painting using an inclined plane and watercolors, and we painted using a wheel and an axle. During our small group rotations, we practiced handwriting, using number concepts, and quantifying.

What will we do next week?

- Read All About Ramps
- Design a puppet to bring home
- Practice creating patterns and identifying letter-sound correspondences at small group.
- Observe how water marbles move through a marble works set in our sensory table.
- Go outside to conduct an experiment to see whether objects slide or roll down a ramp.

Reminders:

- **The weather is getting warmer! We are going to be going outside each day to the playground, please have your child dress accordingly.**