

Dear Families,

Happy Thursday! We had an exciting second week learning all about insects. Our ants have built an elaborate tunnel system for us to observe, and we have had a lot of fun searching for insects in our classroom campsite.

## **What did we work on this week?**

Our class read The Very Hungry Caterpillar this week. We also learned all about the life cycles of a variety of insects. During Second Step, we learned strategies for speaking up assertively. We now have plastic grass with containers and small insects for students to practice sorting. At small group, we practiced counting and writing numbers in our own Very Hungry Caterpillar books. We also extended our skills in grouping and re-grouping insects based on their different characteristics. At the art table, we made paintings of insects and beautiful coffee filter butterflies.

## **What will we do next week?**

- Start our Getting Ready for Kindergarten study!
- Read Kindergarten ABCs and Kindergarten Countdown
- Learn about what to expect in Kindergarten
- Create a design using crayon rubbings
- Practice creating complex patterns at small group
- Enjoy our Home Living dramatic play area! We will have a kitchen, food, utensils, and baby doll furniture ready for use.
- Create elaborate railroad systems in our block area using our train set.

## **Reminders:**

- **On May 30th, we will be having preschool graduation! We will be having snacks and a graduation ceremony in the classroom from 2:30-3:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!**