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THE DEWEY SCHOOL

Offering early learning rooted in play and exploration of nature.



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DEWEY ADVENTURES

A glimpse into our world.

January, February and March provided an array of weather providing endless opportunities for challenges and discoveries each day. As we embarked on strong winds and frigid temperatures we learned how to adapt with the right gear and that it is okay to be uncomfortable because our bodies are safe. Confidence was built and the ability to advocate what we need in uncomfortable moments outdoors instilled.

The discovery of nature's beauty and stillness provided endless opportunities for observations and discovery of new sights we hadn't seen during the fall months. Chewed bark at the base of trees where deer had a snack, paths to porcupine burrows, animal tracks we hardly see in warmer months such as rabbits and mice, and so much more were discovered.

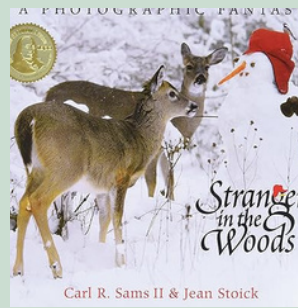
As we say, "See ya later!" to winter we embrace the newness of spring. Wet weather, sap flowing, mud, new life, and more will fill our days with adventure and discovery!

FUN FACT: BEARS ENTER A STATE OF TORPOR, A LIGHTER FORM OF SLEEP IN WINTER.



BOOK NOOK

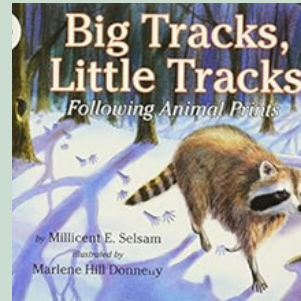
We hope you enjoy a few of our favorite books!



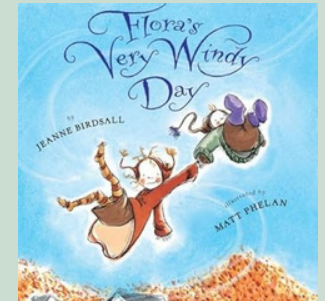
Stranger in the Woods:
A Photographic Fantasy



The Snow Globe Family



Big Tracks, Little Tracks
Following Animal Prints



Flora's Very Windy Day

There are perhaps no days of our childhood we lived so fully as those we spent with a favorite book." —Marcel Proust

JANUARY RECAP

ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Animal scat was of great interest this month fostering curiosity, observations, and critical thinking. Big questions arise strengthening their knowledge of the animal, what it eats, and where they are located in the village. As we took the outdoor learning inside investigations instilled as we took a closer look at each animals features and the structure of their dens and nests. Creativity flowed in the art studio as the children drew the animals and created their homes with an array of materials.



FUN FACT: FOX SCAT IS SIMILAR TO A DOG BUT POINTY AT ONE END.

FEBRUARY RECAP

ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Challenging our bodies and learning to be uncomfortable in nature's elements provided endless opportunities for building confidence. With deep snow and high winds snowshoeing became a part of daily adventures. Balancing on top of the snow was much more enjoyable than sinking to our knees each step we took.

With the frigid temperatures time outside shortened which led to new experience allowing us to bring the outdoors in. The northern lights and planets were visible in the night sky creating moments for big questions and inquisitive thinking. What does the night sky look like? What colors can be seen? Are there stars? All leading us to *Starry Night* by Vincent Van Gogh. Community projects came to life with paint, glitter, stars and a paintbrush as the painting was recreated to look like the night sky we had all observed this month.



“Uncomfortable doesn't mean bad, uncomfortable simply means you're doing something you haven't done before.” —Joe Vitale.



FUN FACT: THE RAREST COLOUR TO BE SEEN IN THE NORTHERN LIGHTS IS DEEP BLUE OR PURPLE.

MARCH RECAP

ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHTS

As we discover signs of spring outside tiny creatures have been discovered under leaf piles and bark. Inside Painted Lady Caterpillars have begun metamorphoses providing opportunities for daily observations and tracking which day they are on, today is day 6 in their chrysalis. Strengthening our skill of patience while awaiting their beautiful reveal as butterflies



It is all about mud and water as the earth around us begins to melt. Will a leaf float even with holes? Measurement of streams and puddles providing confirmation of whether we stay and explore or continue on our adventure as we have decided water in our boots is not comfortable. Each day brings new water discoveries.



“Let Nature be your teacher.”
– William Wordsworth



IMPORTANT DATE OR EVENTS

WHAT: FAIRY FESTIVAL

WHEN: APRIL 12TH 2:00-4:00

WHERE: THE DEWEY SCHOOL MEADOW

FUN FACT: PAINTED LADY BUTTERFLIES INHIBIT EVERY CONTENT EXCEPT AUSTRALIA AND ANTARTICA.