

2/18/2022

Dear Parents,

We began this week by celebrating Valentine's Day on Monday. The children looked adorable dressed in their pink and red shirts, and had such a great time exchanging cards and treats with their friends. Thank you to all the parents for sending goodies for the class. Hope you enjoyed the pictures on Brightwheel.

This week, we learned about the Rainforest and the letter W w. The equator is an imaginary line that goes all around the middle of the world, halfway between the North and South Poles. North and South of the equator are where most rainforests grow. We learned that plants in these forests grow tall, thick, and green, this is because the weather there is warm and wet. We also talked about the different layers in a rainforest, like the layers of a cake! Forest floor, Understory, Canopy, and Emergent layer. The emergent layer is the top layer, where you can find many exotic birds. The canopy is the next layer where monkeys, apes, and exotic plants live. The canopy is like living under a big green umbrella. It is so dense that it takes about 10 minutes for the rain water to penetrate that layer. The understory is the next layer. It is the home of bats, frogs, butterflies, and many other animals. The last layer is the Forest floor. It's dark on the rainforest floor because the trees keep most of the light out. We also learned new vocabulary words such as anaconda, chameleon, humid, swamp, and algae.

Academic Enrichment and Small group:

This week, the children wrote words and sentences with the letter W. They drew a picture of the rainforest and labeled the four layers. They watched a short video about the rainforest and listened to the sounds of the different animals in the rainforest. They made beautiful colored parrots that are hanging in our classroom next to the monkeys, a green anaconda, sloths, and butterflies.

Graphing Topic of the week:

We graphed their favorite animals and then we counted them.

We also used flashcards and plastic animal figures to help them identify the animals that live in each layer of the forest.

Journals - for this week's journal activity, the students drew a picture of the rainforest, which included many tall trees as well as many birds and animals too.

Books we read this week:

Rumble in the Jungle

Monster Meat Eaters

Rainforest Homes

Jungle Animals

Rainforest Ride

Willy the Worm

Reminder:

2/21/22 — School will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

Quote of the week:

In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect. Trees can be contorted, bent in weird ways, and they're still beautiful. —Alice Walker

Hope you all enjoy the long weekend with your loved ones!

Ms. Ana and Ms. Nadia

Ms. Marta and Ms. Emma

Ms. Laura and Ms. Milquella