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Dear Parents,

We would like to start off by thanking the parents of Purple Door for an amazing teacher's appreciation lunch.

This week, we continued learning about the Rainforest and introduced the letter Qq. 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 learned about the letter Q and the sound of the letter. They practiced writing the letter Q and wrote words. They drew a picture of the rainforest and learned about 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, snakes, sloths, and butterflies.

Graphing Topic of the week: We graphed their favorite animals and then we counted them. We also used pictures 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

Naughty Little Monkeys

Rainforest Homes
Jungle Animals
Rainforest Ride
My Q book

Reminders:

May 25th: Brown Door teacher appreciation lunch (sign up sheet in front of the main entrance)
May 29th: School closed in observance of Memorial Day
May 31st: VPK graduation. No school for VPK that day (please refer to flyer sent in Brightwheel for details)
June 2nd: school closed in preparations for summer camp

Parenting Tips:

Set Smart Limits

Take charge. Children crave limits, which help them understand and manage an often confusing world. Show your love by setting boundaries so your kids can explore and discover their passions safely. Remember that discipline is not punishment. Enforcing limits is really about teaching kids how to behave in the world and helping them to become competent, caring, and in control.

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

Have an amazing weekend
Ms Nadia and Ms Ana
Ms Marta and Ms Miriam