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Dear Parents of Blue Door,

Hello 🌻 This week the children learned about Australia 🇦🇺. During Circle Time the teacher showed the children a picture of the flag and talked about the colors on the flag. She also talked about some of the animals that live in Australia such as the Kangaroo 🦘, Koala 🐨, and the Crocodile 🐊. Another fact that the children learned is that the weather there is very hot and then it gets cold.

For art, the children loved dancing to Australian music. Using mosaic squares they decorated a boomerang. Paper plate Wombat was lots of fun. They painted the paper plate brown and then added the ears and eyes to their Wombat. What a great job they did! Stamping was lots of fun. They chose the stamp they liked and put the stamp inside the ink and then onto paper. What a good job. ✨

For story time they listened to these stories: Eight Silly Monkeys, Pete the Cat, I Love My White Shoes, Llama Llama Misses Mama, Teeth Are Not For Biting, Little Quacks New Friend, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom and Hands Are Not For Hitting.

Jungle Bus was lots of fun. The children had a blast jumping up and down and did exercise as well. I hope you all enjoyed the videos and pictures I sent through Brightwheel.

Music class with Mrs. Michele was lots of fun. The children really enjoy singing and playing the different things she brings to class. This week she brought in a Güiro. The güiro (Spanish pronunciation: [ˈgwiro]) is a percussion instrument consisting of an open-ended, hollow gourd with parallel notches cut in one side. It is played by rubbing a stick or tines along the notches to produce a ratchet sound.

The güiro is commonly used in Cuban, Puerto Rican, and other forms of Latin American music, and plays a key role in the typical rhythm section of important genres like son, trova and salsa. Playing the güiro usually requires both long and short sounds, made by scraping up and down in long or short strokes.

The güiro, like the maracas, is often played by a singer. It is closely related to the Cuban guayo, Dominican güira, and Haitian graj which are made of metal. Other instruments similar to the güiro are the Colombian guacharaca, the Brazilian reco-reco, the quijada (cow jawbone) and the frottoir (French) or fwotwa (French Creole) (washboard).

Parents please wash your child's blanket and return to school nice and clean. Please write your child's name on everything that belongs to him or her. Please make sure your child's nails are cut short so that way they don't scratch themselves or their friends.

🐼 Have a great weekend 🐼

Mrs. Cindy

Ms. Lauren