The Extended Morning Program has a weekly Focus Book that expands on the Pre-School theme of the month. The teachers support the stories through related activities that include experiences in each of the Developmental Domains. The story is further enhanced by experiences in our make shop, with wood working, and cooking activities in the kitchen. We also enjoy daily music with Mrs. Bird. A brief description of the focus book is included in each Monday’s email, and a list of available activities each day. The newsletter for each theme recaps the related activities through text and photographs, with captions highlighting the developmental emphasis.

October Pre-School Theme: Building

A picture is worth a thousand words. These photos tell the story of our Building theme at the Children’s School and express just how much we learn from our explorations!

Focus Books

Extended Morning Teachers: Mrs. Bird, Miss Dzina, Mrs. Loomis, and Mrs. Opferman
Betty Lou, Archie, Will, Felix, and Kipton hold hands as they happily run around the hillside.

Jamie Ann helps David make a phone call in the Dramatic Play Center.

Noah, Nalu, and Peter work together to build a tower of foam blocks.

Ada and Betty Lou jump together on the hillside.

Felix practices using scissors as he cuts straw for his bird’s nest.

Mrs. Loomis, Nevin, Will, Poppy May, Mio, and Marina hold hands to play the mouse trap game.

Chloe reads a book in the library.

Betty Lou practices writing her name with chalk outside in the Reflection Garden.

Poppy May and Mio look at a book together.
Marina experiments with foundations as she builds a tower out of wood blocks.

Archie builds a track for the cars to travel on.

Kipton uses a tennis ball to test the ramp he propped up on the radiator.

Nicolas and Chloe weigh gourds on the balance scale.

Atticus, Mio, and Will count how many sea creatures are stuck on the back of the hermit crab shell.

Masaki sorts blocks to find the red blocks to build with.

Atticus and Brandon create a forest with homes for the various wildlife creatures.

Brandon examines the materials used in a bird’s home.

Jamie Ann and Simon burrow through the sand to make tunnels for the bug families.
Health & Safety

David practices using the drill in the Mechanic Shop in the Dramatic Play Center.

Creative Arts

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Technology

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