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 woodworking, 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.

April & May Pre-School Theme: Bugs

A picture is worth a thousand words. These photos tell the story of our Bugs 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
The friends intently wait and listen as a message travels around the table in a game of telephone.

David carefully builds and balances blocks in the block center.

Peter exercises his body as he wriggles through the tunnel like a worm.

Marina, Nicolas, and Simon work together to roll a tire across the playground.

Nevin and Kipton practice taking turns while they play Snail’s Pace Race.

The friends follow the leader around the hillside as they pretend to be ants marching in a line.

Wally practices the letter A for “ant” and creates fingerprint ants.

Peter and Rowan read a book together with Mrs. Opferman.
Marina and Kipton use sticks to examine the dirt, leaves, and bugs on the playground.

Archie works to order the life cycle of a praying mantis.

Jamie Ann inspects an egg case of a praying mantis.

Atticus carefully examines an ant as it crawls on his hand, identifying all the different body parts of the ant.

Mio and Poppy May practice counting and sorting in a bug sorting game.

Betty Lou rolls the dice and counts the number of spaces to move her ant in an ant hill game.

Chloe uses trapezoids and triangles to make a honeycomb hexagon.

Marina, Brandon, and Rowan examine the contents and structure of an old beehive.

Will explores spiders and the spider web habitats on the light table.

Marina and Kipton use sticks to examine the dirt, leaves, and bugs on the playground.
Chloe practices using a bat while playing tee ball on the hillside.

Nalu and Simon rock back and forth on the seesaw, experimenting with weight and balance.

Jacob experiments painting with a different tool: a squirt bottle.

Atticus uses bubble wrap to paint a honeycomb.

Ada buzzes around in the bee headband she made.

Felix proudly plays the cello he made in the Art & Writing center.

Masaki assembles and enjoys a healthy snack in the kitchen.

Mio wears a helmet to safely ride her bike around the track on the playground.

Rowan keeps his body hydrated while running around in the hot sun on the playground.