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.

**March/April Pre-School Theme:**
**How Things Work**

A picture is worth a thousand words. These photos tell the story of our How Things Work 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
Social-Emotional

Archie proudly observes his balanced building.

Marina and Felix cooperate while riding on the seesaw.

The friends work together to use the pulley system on the hillside to haul blocks and friends up the hill.

Physical

Mio climbs to the top of the beanstalk.

Peter and Nalu swing the wrecking ball to demolish their built structure.

Simon keeps his balance on a balance beam.

Literacy-Language

Mrs Loomis demonstrates the meaning of the word “demolition”.

Rowan sends a Message from Me photo of his favorite thing to do on the playground.

Our students helpers, Justin and Omar listen as Ada, BettyLou and Wally talk and draw about their favorite thing to do on the playground.
Noah slides down an inclined plane.

Betty Lou and Ada attempt to balance animals on their seesaw (lever).

Nevin experiments with balancing animals on the seesaw (lever).

Atticus counts the bears as he adds them to the balance scale.

Chloe creates a shape design on the Geoboard.

Using magnetic shapes, Jamie Ann sorts and builds.

Kipton and David work put together community helper puzzles.

Will cares for our playground environment when he waters flower boxes.

Nicolas creates a habitat for the bugs.
Poppy May uses a screwdriver to take apart a toy.

After offering ideas about how an Etch A Sketch works, the friends watch a video showing what’s inside an Etch A Sketch and how it works.

Brandon sets up a kitchen under the lean-to shelter.

Nicolas, Jamie Ann and Felix sing “Pop Goes the Weasel” when playing with the Jack in the Box.

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Jacob creates a telescope at the Art and Writing Center.

Kipton holds a teacher’s hand when walking in the parking lot to his car.

Wally and Misaki stay hydrated while playing on the playground on a warm day.

Kip, Nalu, Will, Jacob and Wally watch from a safe distance while the plumber fixes the water fountain.