November was a month full of tree exploration! The friends in the Red and Blue Rooms took a closer look at the way trees grow. They need good soil, plenty of water to drink, and sunlight. We collected some bark, pinecones, pine needles and leaves. Then we spent some time talking about the different kinds of trees on our campus. We went on a scavenger hunt to identify the various kinds of local trees. Our campus is full of beautiful varieties, such as Ginkgo, Blue Spruce, and Maple.


We enjoyed a few tree projects. We reused a paper towel roll and combined it with a paper plate. Using paint, glue, and tissue paper, we transformed these materials into our own fall trees. In the make shop, we all took turns combining pieces of wood to become a wooden sculpture. We finished it by painting with various colors.

A great deal of our learning is accomplished through play. The children enjoyed playing with tree-themed Legos, wooden tree blocks, adding leaves with colored pencils to paper on the easel. We also drew water coming up through tree roots, through the trunk, and into the branches and leaves.

We had a wonderfully busy month!
OUR IDEAS AND INTERESTS!

Marina is molding play dough during free choice.

Kieran enjoys building with bristle blocks.

Shreya and Emma Grace enjoy outdoor time together!

Archie uses his feet to create music on this large-scale keyboard.
CREATING KNOWLEDGE THROUGH ART AND PLAY

Archie is focusing on the crunching leaves.

Brandon finds a new way to play with play dough.

Lettie is testing tools.

Shreya uses materials such as newspaper and watercolors.

During music we sang, “The leaves go crunch, crunch, crunch.”
WE ARE GAINING INDEPENDENCE!

Shreya can make a line and a rectangle.

We can make music with our feet, right Lettie?!

Marina is interested in the growth of lima beans!

First we glued small wood pieces to our base. Then we painted our creations!

Happy Birthday, dear Brandon!
Trees are an important part of our world. They provide habitats (homes) for all sorts of insects, birds and other animals. Many types of fruits come from trees -- including apples, oranges, and pears.

Trees do lots for us, our environment and other plants and animals in nature but we don’t just love trees for practical reasons. Trees can also be very beautiful -- tall enough they seem to touch the sky and so big around you can’t even hug them. It is likely that just about everyone on earth has at some point in their life stopped to enjoy the beauty of a tree.