How Things Grow

At the Children’s School, our year is separated into theme-related units. During each theme, the teachers change the classroom materials. Over the past few weeks, we planned various activities that allowed friends to explore and think about How Things Grow!

How Plants Grow

Atticus adds a stem to his Parts of a Plant picture.

Betsy, Jovie and Andrew sort seeds as a part of learning about the different parts of plants.

Eugene creates a flower for his Locker Tag.
Kaya places a stalk of celery in colored water to observe how a stem works to soak up water from the roots into the rest of the plant.

Ava and Annie plant seeds using the worm castings saved from the pet worms as fertilizer. Ben H. helps to take care of the growing plants with daily watering.

Grace and Leeza arrange flowers for delivery of an order from the Green Room Flower Shop.

Izhak, Betsy and Andrew decide if the food from these plants grows down under the ground, up above the ground or around on a vine as they play the “Where Does It Grow?” game.

Jovie buys a cart load of fruits and vegetables from the Green Room Farmer’s Market.

Evan and Evelyn talk money as they pretend to be cashiers for the Green Room Farmer’s Market.
How Animals Grow - Butterfly Fun

Parker watches the wiggly caterpillars before they begin spinning their chrysalises.

Ben R. creates his own unique butterfly.

Sean researches different kinds of butterflies as he observes and compares the Painted Lady butterflies that hatched in our classroom.

Cash gets a close up look just before the grown butterflies are released.

Ben R., Javi, Evelyn, Grace and Deborah work together to paint a butterfly house for the Children’s School garden.

The Green Room Circle of Friends waits quietly and patiently while the grown butterflies fly free into the world.
How Animals Grow

Grace and Tomer observe some live tadpoles.

Robin sketches the tadpoles in their jar.

Ksenia tries to flip all of the blue frogs into the blue hoop.

Annie investigates the classroom pet worms.

Atticus, Isaac and Owen play with pretend worms in dirt.

Deborah and Malena help paint the Bat House that will hang in a tree near the playground.

Betsy and Marina set up and play with a farm scene.

Izhak watches the Kindergarten’s hatched chicks. The Green Room friends had the opportunity to candle the eggs and see inside them as the chicks developed.

Owen sorts the bears by color and size.
How Animals Grow - Veterinarian’s Office

Javi brings his pet to the vet for a check-up.

Leeza and Evan are the veterinarians on duty in the office this day.

Ava has brought her pet dog to the vet for a check-up. Ksenia checks them in and records the necessary information.

How People Grow

Sean leads a group of friends in the “Guess Who I Am?” game.

Max gets measured to see how much he has grown since September.

The afternoon friends pick their buggy race winners after visiting the Buggy Display during CMU Carnival week.
Kaya, Morgan, Cash, Robin and Ben R. use the skills that they have learned and practiced through the school year to work on their Number Books.

Max and Isaac examine babies in the Green Room Doctor’s Office.

Tomer, Eugene and Ben R. paint rocks in the MakeShop to decorate the new Children’s School garden space.

Robin and Marina experiment with items to see how much light will shine through them in the MakeShop.

The afternoon friends share their music class with young people visiting the school for Carnegie Mellon’s Take Your Daughters and Sons To Work Day. Thanks to Mrs. Hraber for leading music classes this year!
Birthdays, Visits and Visitors

Ben H.’s Uncle John visits for Playground Time.

Ava’s mom reads a story for Ava’s 5-Year-Old Birthday celebration.

Marina’s sister Katya reads a Frog and Toad book to the afternoon friends.

Cash’s mom and dad visit to celebrate Cash’s 5th birthday. The friends hear a story and share blueberry muffins.

The Green Room Friends walk to the Oakland Branch of the Carnegie Library to watch a puppet show of The Three Little Pigs.

Parker’s mom visits for a Dance Party and popsicles to celebrate Parker’s 5th birthday.