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 weekly cooking projects with Mrs. Loomis, and 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 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, Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Myers, and Mrs. Opferman
Elijah proudly shows how to stop the hole in his bucket!

Eugene and Parker work together to build a lever.

Josh, Tomer and Harris cooperate when making paper.

Sloane and John strengthen their fine motor skills using tools and playdough.

Evelyn and Ava use their force to pull the rope when playing Tug of War.

Tomer, Conor and Eugene hoist the heavy sled up the hillside using a pulley system.

Henry changes the title of our story and writes and illustrates a new story.

Javi sits down with Jessey (student helper) to talk about his playground adventures.

Ava identifies an example of a lever and places it on the corresponding page in our interactive big book “Playground Science”.

Sloane and John strengthen their fine motor skills using tools and playdough.
Eugene and Conor prepare the flower box by using a lever (shovel) to turn over the soil.

Sean uses a pulley to lift a heavy bucket of blocks.

Adrian swings the HUGE pendulum to knock over the structure he built using soft blocks.

Henry and Siobhan practice counting when playing Hi Ho Cherryo.

Rulers and shape stencils are tools Josh, Leeza and Sloane use to create.

Leeza uses a measuring spoon to add oil to her ingredients.

Josh, Elijah, Harris and Sloane execute a bucket brigade to transfer water.

Conor watches as the garbage collector pulls in to collect the garbage from our dumpster.

Sloane, Josh, Ben R. and Tomer work together to build a water pump.
Buddy learns about the parts of a juicer and experiments with how it works.

Atticus discovers how chopsticks work.

Henry discovers how a toaster works.

Sean, Conor and John dance with rainbow color scarves.

Javi paints with wheels on an inclined plane.

Ava paints with a pendulum.

Ksenia follows the directions to safely use the pulley to lift a load of blocks.

Ben H. washes his hands before cooking in the kitchen.

Sydnee and Benny wear their safety glasses while working in the Tool Shop.