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.

October Pre-School Theme: TRANSPORTATION

A picture is worth a thousand words. These photos tell the story of our Friendship & Community 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 and Maya notice that Raj cannot reach the water fountain. They provide a step, hold him steady and help to turn on the water. The mixed age groups in Extended Morning provide opportunities to practice caring for younger children.

Harris and Adrian work together to create a path for the ball to get from the top of the hill to the bottom.

Everyone reacts with enthusiasm when the rocket launches to the moon powered by air shooting out of the balloon!

Climbing and crawling are large motor skills that Lillian can practice on the playground equipment during our Extended Day weekly Outdoor Classroom Days.

Siobhan, Benny, Elijah, Jaycee and Sydnee have to combine their strength to pull the rope past the winning mark, especially when Mrs. Loomis is on the other side!

Wilder practices fine motor skills when squeezing the hose nozzle and pouring water.

Branden and Ann listen to a review of Mr. Gumpy’s Outing as they eat the Banana Boats they made in the cooking activity.

Jaycee and Ellen take time to explore the Green Room library.

Adrian, Josh, Elijah and Branden have time for conversation in the structure that they built with the outdoor blocks.
Ann and Evren experiment with how they can use a scooter to move different ways on the bike track.

Water play is one of the favorite outdoor activities. No rain? No problem. Raj and Max make their own puddles!

Oliver uses different shapes to make an imaginary type of transportation.

Benny rolls a three on the die and parks his car in the number 3 spot of the Parking Lot.

Our “rocket fuel” (Diet Coke and Mentos candy) experiment was the perfect activity for sparking imaginations about space travel on our Outdoor Day.

Sydnee and Evren have counted the number of animals and people on Mr. Gumpy’s Boat and put that many raisins on the Banana Boat.

Henry discovers what it might feel like to have to fit into a small space in a Rocket Ship.

Conor, Adrian, Benny, Maya and Harris try to make comfortable spaces for the animals to live.

Ellen, Connor and Oliver are firefighters for the day!
Health & Safety

A group does a live action telling of the weekly story.

John used his imagination to create a boat from found materials.

Evren helps to clean up after making food in the Kitchen.

Adler knows he must wear a helmet for protection when on a riding toy.

Technology

Lillian and Maya practice with plastic hammers to hammer golf tees into a pumpkin. Real hammers and nails will be introduced to the friends soon!

Connor had to decide what were the best materials to make the parts of his sailboat.

Creative Arts

Connor learns to use a catapult to make an object move really far. He is shooting the cotton ball to the moon!

Music and movement help young children stay active, develop expressive language skills, and use their imaginations.

Connor takes time to relax with water and mud play on the playground. His shirt says it all…