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: Ocean

A picture is worth a thousand words. These photos tell the story of our Ocean 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
Siobhan and Jaycee are proud of their contribution to the group Swimmy project.

John, Oliver, Isaiah, Benny and Conor practice cooperation and interaction while playing Snails Pace Race.

Benny and Max work together to place the garden fences around the flower box.

Jaycee, Ellen, Lillian and Wilder use their strength to remove weeds and turn over the dirt to prepare the flower boxes.

John uses tweezers to gather loose parts in the bowl.

Brandon and Max push the wheelbarrow filled with a beach ball around the playground.

Maya tells Sydnee about her charm that hangs on her backpack.

Lillian dictates a story about a whale.

Adrian and Elijah go fishing for alphabet fish to add to their ocean.
Connor makes observations about a Pufferfish.

Evren and Oliver investigate and experiment with bubbles.

Harris and Adrian observe an egg in salt water vs. fresh water.

Raj matches various shaped gems in a treasure chest.

Wilder, Adler and Ellen sort goldfish crackers by color.

Connor fits the puzzle pieces together to create an Orca.

Raj discovers how the horseshoe crab walks in sand and under water.

Ellen builds a family using the bristle blocks.

Conor, Sydnee and Henry complete the coral reef puzzle and discover the fish that live in the coral reef.
Harris uses a hand mixer to make whipped cream.

Isaiah uses a bubble wand to create bubble shapes.

Raj uses scissors to cut paper.

Max and Ann use rollers to paint fish.

Conor creates a fish using his handprint.

Josh creates a structure using coral, tree blocks and seashells.

The friends have fun running up and down the hillside.

Henry uses the foot pedal when throwing away garbage after lunch.

In the kitchen, Evren washes the cutting boards after using them.