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, with 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: Rainforest

A picture is worth a thousand words. These photos tell the story of our Rainforest 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
Tomer, Ava, Sydnee, Joshua, Evelyn and Ksenia practice taking turns while playing “Don’t Wake Senhor”.

Ava, Henry and Javi cooperate to complete a rainforest puzzle together.

Ksenia is proud of the rainforest bird she created.

Atticus strengthens his hand and arm muscles twisting paper to build a Kapok tree.

Evelyn uses her fine motor skills to add straws to a string to create a rainforest snake.

Benny builds the muscles in his fingers by squeezing paint out of an eye dropper.

Leeza listens to a story.

The friends build their vocabulary while listening to the story of The Umbrella.

Adrian and Siobhan practice retelling the story The Umbrella.
Conor experiments with building ramps using waffle blocks.

Elijah, Ben R. Conor, Sydnee and Javi test their predictions during a game of sink or float.

Parker learns about molting and touches a real snake skin.

Eugene builds a number snake by ordering numbers 1-10.

Harris builds with various shapes of magnetic tiles.

Benjamin H. counts 5 pretzels to add to his trail mix.

Ben R. and Ksenia explore the trees and animals that call the rainforest their home.

Adrian gathers the animals that live in a rainforest.

John, Tomer and Evelyn sort the animals according to their habitat on an iPad game.
Joshua plays the animal habitats game on the iPad.

Elijah, Sloane and Henry observe a food processor grind orange peels and green peppers to make food for the worms.

Buddy uses his imagination to create a story with the rainforest animals and tree blocks.

At lunchtime, the friends are encouraged to eat their healthy food first, before eating their dessert.

The friends eat their healthy lunches while listening to a story.

Sean uses a chopper to slice a banana.

Elijah uses an eye dropper to create a colorful picture illustrating the colors of the rainforest.

Ben R. adds textured fabric to a sloth.

Tomer learns the safe way to handle the rake to look for worms. Sloane remembers to gently hold and touch the worms.