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.

November Pre-School Theme: Outer Space

A picture is worth a thousand words. These photos tell the story of our Outer Space 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
Evelyn, Eugene, Atticus and Joshua play the cooperative game, “Hoot, Owl, Hoot”.

Friends learn to be patient as they wait for the next step in the Rainbow Milk experiment.

Elijah practices cutting with scissors.

Adrian practices balancing as he walks on the obstacle course stepping stones.

Siobhan uses fine motor skills to stretch the rubber bands from peg to peg.

Sydnee tells a story as she plays with the astronauts, rocks and model magic dough.

Ben H., Javi and Ben R. learn to draw a cat and write the word CAT.

Eugene labels the Gibbous moon he drew.
After learning about constellations through the story *The Biggest Bear*, children create their own constellations from small, wooden stars.

Leeza and Conor practice cutting out triangles to make their kitten ears.

Sean mixes colors with finger paint to create a new color.

Mrs. Myers conducts an experiment mixing baking soda and vinegar to represent the chemical reaction that causes an eruption.

Ksenia and Ava fill the 1 to 10 peg boards.

Sean works on drawing a circle-shaped moon.

The conversation about who can be an astronaut gets interesting when cats Harris and Elijah visit astronauts Buddy, Sloane and Josh in the Space Station.

Henry, Adrian and Benny learn about the constellations we see from the earth, and make their own by poking holes in paper.

Harris and John decide together how the astronauts explore the geography of their planet.
Parker experiments with the best angle to turn the straw to make the rocket go up.

Benny and Javi use the Light Bright to make number constellations.

Evelyn uses a hammer to create a constellation with thumb tacks.

Adrian and Buddy pretend they are moving through obstacles in outer space.

Friends pretend to be astronauts in the Dramatic Play Center Space Station.

Mrs. Bird leads a singalong before lunch everyday.

Tomer shows his star-shaped fruit - a fun and healthy snack!

Eugene gets some help from Mrs. Loomis to learn how to use the grater safely.

Ben R. puts on safety glasses before starting his woodworking project.