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.

**November Pre-School Theme:**
**TREES**

A picture is worth a thousand words. These photos tell the story of our TREES theme at the Children’s School and express just how much we learn from our explorations!

**Focus Books**

- **Have You Seen Trees?**
  - Author: Jean and Mou-Sien Tsai
  - Illustrated by Mou-Sien Tsai

- **Red-Eyed Tree Frog**
  - Author: Joy Cowley
  - Photographs by Nic Bishop

- **The baobab car**
  - Author: Jacqueline Hall
  - Illustrated by Anouk Lesueur

- **Thank You, Trees!**

**Extended Morning Teachers:** Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Myers, and Mrs. Opferman
Claes and Ruth work together in the block area building a Baobab Car.

James proudly shows his Red Eyed Tree Frog.

Rowan shows his mom how to make a special dessert during our Open House.

Friends participate in a Relay Race on the field during an Outside Day.

Wilder works his hands and fingers rolling, pinching and shaping play dough into the outline of a tree.

Lucy rides a trike on the playground during our Outside Day.

Wilder reads in the Library Center.

Friends bring the story of the Baobab Car to life on the playground.

Lily works on a project in the Art & Writing Center.
Oliver, Evelyn and Mio explore the movement of the seesaw.

Raj explores the texture of dirt in the Mud Kitchen.

Sloan plants grass in a Baobab Car.

Ian observes friends playing the Parking Lot Game. The game includes shape and color recognition.

Cheryl builds with various shapes of magnetic tiles.

Branden builds with Bristle Blocks.

Kieran, Ellen and Atticus play in the store with cash registers and pretend money.

Friends play in the tree house with play animals.

Branden and Kieran show their Grandparents our kitchen.
Technology

Mio and Lettie work with kitchen tools preparing the Open House snack.

Emmy works with scissors and tape.

Evelyn explores sounds from a paper cone/ megaphone.

Creative Arts

Jamie Ann works on the outline of a tree. She draws a trunk and branches in marker; next she will add water color.

Ruth adds water color to her tree outline.

Arianna shows that she can safely climb a tree.

Health & Safety

Rowan practices safe chopping skills while preparing a healthy snack for the Open House.

Evelyn eats a healthy lunch with her parents during our Open House.