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.

December Pre-School Theme: Eric Carle

A picture is worth a thousand words. These photos tell the story of our Eric Carle 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
Social-Emotional

Lili displays confidence when she sings in the microphone in front of an audience.

Evie and Lettie work together to build using the big wooden blocks.

Oliver and Lettie practice turn taking and follow directions while playing Snails Pace Race.

Physical

Claes pretends to be a sloth climbing a tree.

Ian and Jamie-Ann strengthen their finger muscles when using hole punchers.

Rowan and Arianna complete the obstacle course.

Literacy-Language

Mrs. Myers shows James how to spell the word “spaghetti”.

Mio finds the magnetic letters that are in her name.

Ruth goes fishing for a letter fish.
Kieran observes the Green Room fish and frog.

Wilder and Ellen build a ramp and experiment with fast vs. slow.

Cheryl collects Gingko leaves on the playground.

Atticus gathers a collection of gems.

Cheryl, Lucy, James and Ellen place the correct number of animals on each train car.

Lettie and Ellen use the math mats to sort loose parts.

Cheryl's family visits for lunch.

Arianna's family visits for lunch.

Kieran and Raj create scenes with wild animals.

Sloan matches the mother animal with their baby.
Archie and Ellen explore light and color in the Make Shop.

Emmy and Wilder watch a video showing a sloth in the Rainforest.

The friends work together to create a mural painting.

James glues textured fabric to create a sloth.

The friends watch and learn how an ice cream maker works.

The friends re-tell the story Today is Monday using the props they created.

Ian and Evie remember the rule, "Hands on top when you chop, chop, chop!"

The friends calm their mind and body when doing Yoga.

Branden and Raj remember to wear their helmets when riding a tricycle.

The friends watch and learn how an ice cream maker works.