The theme this month was building. In extended day, we took a closer look at the homes of animals and how they are built. We learned so much about the animals that work so hard to build safe, livable places!

The first delightful book was “The Great Fuzz Frenzy” by Janet Stevens. A dog passed by a prairie dog hole and dropped a tennis ball into their home. Though frightened, the family of prairie dogs decided to investigate. The fuzz off the tennis ball provided them fuel for a great commotion. Once they were settled, the dog walked by with a red fuzzy ball, leaving the rest to our imagination. In extended afternoon, we enjoyed painting with yarn, moving through tunnels, and “dressing” prairie dogs in green fuzz to add to a mobile.

“The Honey Bee’s Hive” by Joyce Markovics, lead us to a wealth of factual information about how honeybees gather pollen, build their hives, as well as the different jobs the bees perform. We learned so much through supplemental activities, such as fingerprint bees, building a honey comb, taste testing various kinds of honey and building a hive with the architectural blocks.

We then read “Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse” by Lindsay Barrett George, which is about two mice who travel up, down, across, around, through, between, over, and under until they met each other in the middle. The children were introduced to the sewing machine as they made mice and a mouse house (small bag) for the mice to go “inside and outside”. We enjoyed cheese snacks, like macaroni and cheese and grilled cheese.

Finally, we read “Beaver’s Lodge” by Ingrid and Dieter Schubert. This book was a story about friendship. “Beaver” falls while fixing his lodge. His friends come to his rescue and then decide to build him a new home. Our activities included building our own beaver lodge with clay, preparing and eating edible beaver lodges, and making beaver tails. We are looking forward to our whole school unit: Birds and Flight!

Mrs. Loomis and Ms. McMichael
We are making a statement during “Inside Mouse Outside Mouse”!

We work together, play together, eat snack together, laugh together, take photos together…

Always keepin’ buzzzzzzzzz-y!

The focus is the process rather than the product, but we feel a sense of pride in our work!

Snowy days don’t stop us from learning!

CMU architecture students have a lot of knowledge to share!

Concentrating hard…

We love to do our best work each day!

We have lots of opportunities to work in our own space.

We are making a statement during “Inside Mouse Outside Mouse”!

Stopping for a smile!

Lookin’ good from head to toe!