



WCA Preschool Times



April 17, 2023

What a beautiful week we had! We spent a little more time outside and when the wind calmed we had morning snack outside at the playground. That was a fun treat! Thank you for allowing your child to travel to Albion to Kids 'N' Stuff on Friday. We had a fantastic time exploring, learning, stretching our imaginations and just enjoying each other! The class was well behaved and respectful. On our way-out Mr. Nick, the field trip organizer, was very complementary to our class and their behavior. I was proud of our littlest WCA Cougar Cubs! Last week we started our unit on plants. Our pretend play area became a flower shop with plastic pots, vases, flowers, watering cans, gardening hats and aprons. Fine motor skills were working hard as your child grasped the flower stems and pushed them into the green plant foam in the pots. We had many, many creative and colorful bouquets! The sensory table was filled with non-fertilized potting soil, plastic flowers, gardening tools, plastic pots and gardening gloves. At the science table, there was sorting and examining different kinds of seeds. We started our Mother's Day gift and are many are excited about the surprise! We read many books about plants that were factual and some were funny as well. The lima bean germination experiment is ongoing and will be happening right before our eyes! Each student prepared their plastic baggy and they have their own germination observation booklet to record the progress of their lima beans. The beans have not yet split open, but I suspect this week will be great for observation. We had an art and science project rolled into one where we colored, glued and labeled our own parts of a flower. The flowers are each unique in color! Their science works of art are hung in our art area on display. It was a busy week! There are some activities from last week that are planned for this week as we turn our attention to aboveground and underground plants that we eat. We will learn about the roots, flowers, stems and leaves of an array of fruit and vegetables that we eat. The room will be a buzz with new activities and things to explore. *Dress warm and in layers this week! The Michigan weather has us on our toes again!*

Areas of Focus

*Plants;
Vegetables and Fruits*



Literacy and Language



- Books: The Reason for a Flower, Do Plants Eat Meat?, Have You Seen Trees?, A Grand Old Tree, Diary of a Worm, Plants (Life Cycle)
- Initial Sounds (Listening and identifying the first letter sound of particular words.)
- Retell the Story (first, next, then and last.)

Focus Words

*sow * seedling * bloom * raw * pit*

Math, Science, Sensory

- * Plants We Eat (fruits and vegetables)
- * Grow Above or Below Ground Categorization
- * Dominos (matching correct number of dots)
- * Science Table: Live Earth Worms
- * Sensory Table: Vegetable and Fruit Garden



Important News

- ➔ Thursday, is casual clothes spring picture day, if you would like to order them. It is also a casual day for all.
- ➔ Friday, is Dad's and Donuts at 7:30 A.M.
- ➔ Friday, pizza orders are due by the end of the day.
- ➔ Sunday, is the annual Spring Open House for new families and perspective families from 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.