



# WCA Preschool Times



May 8, 2023

The start of the week seemed like a slow crawl with the cold and dreary weather, but by weeks end we were fully enjoying our time outside! The walk to school day on Wednesday was a little chilly, but we had no rain, not even a sprinkle! The class did great and they enjoyed it! The marsh/pond water collecting was another highlight last week. The children listened well while I walked into the edge of the marsh to collect moss and water. WCA has such a great property for exploring and learning about the natural world around us! After collecting the water, moss, leaves and other marshy things, I put it in a large, clear, shallow, plastic storage container. It's on our science table for observation. We have found tiny bugs jetting around and tiny worm like bugs crawling on the sides under the water line. Unfortunately, there were no frog eggs or tadpoles to be found this year. It's just been too cold of a spring. With it being such a wet week at the beginning we did not make our bird's nests. We need nice dried out grass for that! We got the bowls and rocks (eggs) painted and the grass is drying out in our room. It's on our list this week to finish. The bounce houses on Friday were such fun with many smiles and so much laughter! This week we will explore the rainforest, desert and arctic. These drastically different habitats have many things in common, believe it or not! We will continue working on memorizing our poem for our recitation day that we will do as a class on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at opening ceremony! Another important day will be on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at opening ceremony as Mrs. Vogt will be recognizing all the preschoolers for completing the 2022-2023 academic year! It is also our last day of preschool. It just amazes me that the school year is coming to an end already. Where has the time gone? It has been a fantastic school year!

## Areas of Focus

### *Habitats*



## Literacy and Language



- Books: *Coral Reef Hideaway*, *From Egg to Spider*, *Life in the Sea*, *Step Inside the Rainforest*, *Life in the Polar Regions*, *In the Forest*
- Blending Sounds Train
- Rhyming Word Practice

### *Focus Words*

enormous \* crouching \* bask \* tidal pool \* dive

## Math, Science, Sensory

- \* Baby Chick Care: Needs
- \* Make A Bird's Nest
- \* Science: Arctic Slime
- \* Sensory Table: Sand, Desert Animals



## Important News

- ➔ It's Charter School Week! We will get to watch each grade present a skit, play or recite a poem at the end of each day! It's a fun week for sure!
- ➔ Thursday is the *Oliver!* and *Romeo and Juliet* Performances at 6:30 P.M.
- ➔ Friday is the Volley-Palooza at 6:30 P.M.

# Starting Sounds

Tell your child that you are going to choose one picture and s/he has to guess which one it is. You'll give one clue: the sound that word starts with, such as the sound of "ccc..." for cat. Don't name the letter. Make its sound clearly. Now ask your child to point to the picture.

