

“Every child should have mud pies, grasshoppers, water bugs, tadpoles, frogs, mud turtles, elderberries, wild strawberries, acorns, chestnuts, trees to climb. Brooks to wade, water lillies, woodchucks, bats, bees, butterflies, various animals to pet, hayfields, pinecones, rocks to roll, sand, snakes, huckleberries and hornets. And any child who has been deprived of these has been deprived of the best part of education.” - Luther Burbank



Seasonal Fun:

- We started dip-netting at the pond.
- We tested out bug jackets (and looked like a crew of bee-keepers).
- Pretending to be crayfish was popular.

Our Learning Adventures:

Imaginative Play:

It's night time. Time to sleep.



Science and Technology:

How can we get the grass boats to go down the falls?



Sensory Experiences:

Climbing out to test the water.



Mathematics:

How many mail boxes are there?



More Learning Adventures:

Creative Art Experiences:

Practicing the art of flower arrangement.



Language and Literacy:

Catching many creatures and identifying, or inventing stories about them.



Gross Motor:

Making big jumps.



Construction:

Exploring ways to dam the creek.



Fine Motor:

Squeezing lemons for lemonade and plucking leaves for mint tea.



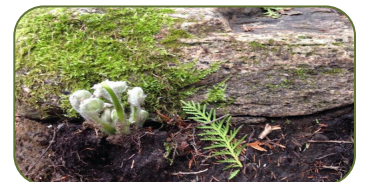
Exciting events:

Our digging crew dug a great big hole that has been growing and changing all month.



Some Favourite Stories, Rhymes and Songs:

- *Growing Vegetable Soup*, by: Lois Ehlert
- *The Lion and The Mouse*, by: Jerry Pinkney
- *This is a nest for a robin*, rhyme



Nature Observations and Discoveries:



We found ducks at the creek and snuck as close as we could before they flew off. We also found a tangle of aquatic worms.

The children requested that a worm picture be shared.



We found a red-spotted newt at the Nipissing pond.



Birthday Wishes and Hanging Out



Notes for Next Month:

Possible activities:

- Tending gardens
- Dip-netting in ponds
- Caring for luna moth caterpillars

What to wear:

Bugs aren't too bad this year but light-coloured long sleeves and long pants are still recommended to protect from scratches, sun, and the odd bug bite. We are dip-netting a lot so rubber boots are still important, as well as extra socks and pants in case of mud. A pair of shoes work well for afternoon play.

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