

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence. One cannot help but be in awe when s/he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life." – Albert Einstein

### Seasonal Fun:

- We visited streams, puddles, and ponds as they filled.
- We were fascinated by a dead goldfish that we found while dip-netting.
- We read stories and sang Halloween songs before working to make our spooky Halloween trail.
- We got to break up our first skiff of ice.



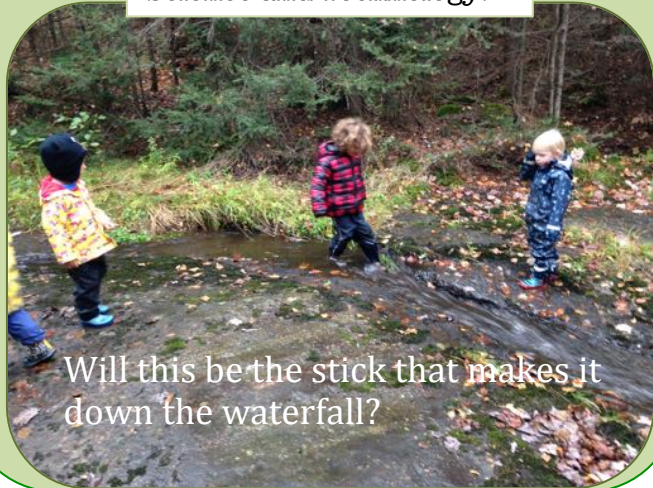
## Our Learning Adventures:

### Imaginative Play:



A big marshmallow-roasting campfire. (A blue jay was very interested too.)

### Science and Technology:



Will this be the stick that makes it down the waterfall?

### Sensory Experiences:



Dropping stones and feeling the splashes.

### Mathematics:



"How much for ice cream?"  
"Umm...two."

# More Learning Adventures:

## Creative Art Experiences:



Putting on a musical tent concert.

## Language and Literacy:

Drawing with chalk and describing our creations.



## Gross Motor:

Bushwhacking over roots and around branches.



Fine Motor: Getting our outdoor gear on and off.

## Construction:

Apparently, filling up net handles with stones makes 'thunder sticks'.



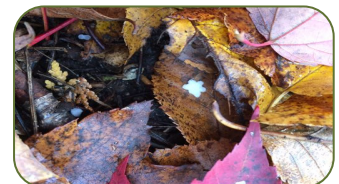
## Exciting events:

It has been a wet month with plenty of puddles and sinks to splash toys into.



## Some Favourite Stories, Rhymes and Songs:

- *The Big Pumpkin*, by: Erica Silverman
- *The Monster at the end of this Book*, by: Jon Stone
- Aiken Drum, traditional song



## Nature Observations and Discoveries:

A sharp-eyed cyclist found a shiny little bug on the pump track (bottom). At the end of the month, larger bugs were found in the forest.



Some strange creatures were seen in the mist on Halloween morning.

## Halloween Fun

Scooby Doo and a monarch puzzling.



Decorated cookies and “monster toes” (grapes).



## Notes for Next Month:

### Possible activities:

(As always activities depend on interests, weather, and energy levels)

- Trying out snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.
- Making lanterns to brighten the darker days.
- Setting out feeders for the birds (and probably squirrels.)

### What to wear:

There is a saying in the outdoor community: Cotton kills! We know it sounds dramatic, but it simply means that cotton doesn't keep you very warm when it gets wet. As we get into colder weather **polyester and wool are the warmest choices for the bottom layer of clothes.** We layer with these fabrics ourselves (including our socks) and recommend them. Don't worry if your child wears their favourite cotton shirt though – we will be coming in to warm-up throughout the day.

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