



Preschool Update:
September

“If we want children to flourish, to become truly empowered, then let us allow them to love the earth before we ask them to save it.” – David Sobel, *Beyond Ecophobia*

Seasonal Fun:

- We were able to taste the changing season in the bunch berries, blueberries, apples, and garden veggies that we tried.
- We explored the nearby ponds, streams, and forest paths.

Our Learning Adventures:

Imaginative Play:



Care for a roasted marshmallow?

Science and Technology:



Which rocks make the biggest splashes in the pond?

Sensory Experiences:



‘Popping’ touch-me-not (jewelweed) seed pods.

Mathematics:



How many creatures are in the bin?



Creative Art Experiences:



How many different colours can we find in the forest?

Language and Literacy:



Sharing with each other which plants in the garden are good to eat.

Gross Motor:

Running and splashing.



Fine Motor:

Picking berries and seed fluff.

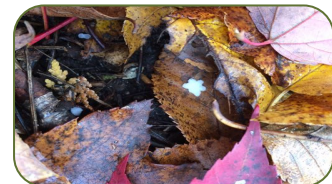
Construction:



Building with playdough.

Some Favourite Stories, Rhymes and Songs:

- *Can Cat and Bird be Friends?*, by: Coll Muir
- *Puddleman*, by: Ted Staunton
- The paw paw patch, traditional children’s song



Nature Observations and Discoveries:



We found many creatures on our adventures this month - including a spider eating a dragonfly and a few spring peeper sightings (the tiny frog is in the middle of the circle top right). Toads, worms, and slugs made regular appearances too.



We also saw plenty of mushrooms, like the puffballs growing on these birch logs.

Hmm...squishy moss.
Time for a dance party:



Notes for Next Month:

Possible activities:

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

- Visiting the pond and streams.
- Noticing the changing colours through art and play.
- Carving pumpkins, and possibly baking a treat or two.

What to wear:

Often in October the mornings are chilly and the afternoons are warm. Layers are important – this can include wearing winter boots in the morning (recommended if it is under 5 °C) and switching to rubber boots or shoes for the afternoon. As the rainy days get colder it will be important to have plenty of dry clothes to change into including: long-sleeve shirts, sweaters, long pants and socks.

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