

BLUE JAY NEWS

August-September 2014

Meet the Blue Jays



Colin Ferguson

Parents: Megan Wilson & Eric Ferguson

Cuddly, chatty, & kind.



Lila Corrigan

Parents: Heather & Jim Corrigan

Sweet, clever, & courageous.



Eden Jewell

Parents: Erin & Ed Jewell
(note: sister Quincy is a Spring 2014 Nest graduate)

Spunky, loving, & curious.



Lola Breuer

Parents: Julia & Joseph Breuer

Smiley, affectionate, & independent.



Effy Kaeplinger

Parents: Brandi & Eric Kaeplinger

Athletic, adventurous, & spritely.



Sam Schwartz

Parents: Amy & Larry Schwartz

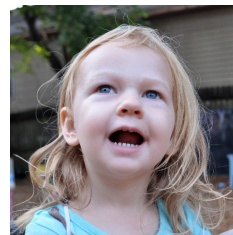
Perceptive, friendly, & charismatic.



Hank McIntyre

Parents: Heather & Andy McIntyre

Polite, giggly, & observant.



Violet Winders

Parents: Amy D'Unger & Bill Winders

Compassionate, witty, & inquisitive.



Kahlan Evilsizor

Parents: Kyle & Adam Evilsizor

Gregarious, quirky, & outgoing.



Wren Blake

Parents: Claire & Patrick Blake

Playful, warm, & intuitive.

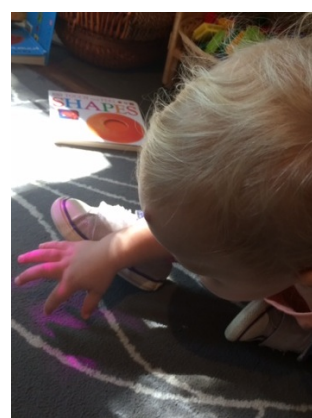
A Glance at Child-Led Explorations



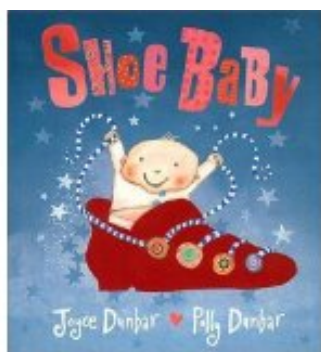
Since the very first day, it was apparent that books are a ubiquitous interest of the class. The children take great joy in self-selecting books to look at alone & "reading" to one another in our cozy corner. The educators are sensitive to this literacy & language-promoting interest & are sure to provide ample reading opportunities.



Another strong thread among the Blue Jays is music. The children love to dance, sing, & play musical instruments. To develop this interest, the educators have integrated music into daily experiences, such as exploring a ukulele, having sing-alongs & dance parties, & creating our own instruments with pipes & blocks.



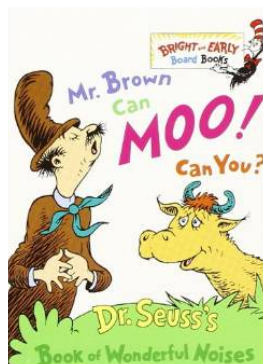
The educators have noticed an emerging curiosity about mirrors/reflections, translucency, & light/shadows. We have chosen to encourage this imagery-based inquiry about themselves & their world by offering supporting experiences. Some examples include exploring tin foil, overhead projectors, & materials on our floor mirror.



Mr. Brown Can Moo!
Can You?
by
Dr. Seuss

Blue Jay Books

Shoe Baby
by
Joyce & Polly Dunbar



Miscellaneous Reminders

- Check your child's cubby regularly to confirm it is stocked with weather-appropriate clothing.
- Likewise, please bring diapers regularly, & wipe refills at least once per month.
- If you're unable to explore our Family Communication Board at drop off or pick up, please check out our blog! Reviewing our daily blog posts with your child can be an easy way to facilitate meaningful connections between experiences at school & home!
- Be sure to sign your child in & out each day. Not only is this process necessary for accountability, it is also important for educator-parent communication!
- Please help your child wash their hands upon arrival each morning.