
BLUEJAY NEWS

APRIL 2014

Visit to Fernbank

On **Saturday, May 17** we invite children in the Bluejay class and their families to meet their classmates and educators at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History to view their exhibition on whales. Building community and relationships is an on-going goal of ours at The Nest. This supports families in many ways as Mandy learned from being a part of a co-op for ten years. We also believe that it is important for us to continue to get to know the parents of the children with whom we spend so much of our time. Getting to know parents better helps us get to know the children better so we can do our job more effectively. We are excited about the opportunity to spend time with the Bluejay families in a new setting. This trip is of course optional but we are hoping most families will be able to attend. The inspiration for the trip stems from the children's interest in ocean life and whales that was observed during our focus on shades of blue. We hope you will join us as we scaffold our focus on ocean creatures through this museum visit!



Immersive Experiences



The acquisition of a new LCD projector has given us the opportunity to create beautiful and stimulating immersive open ended experiences. When we have projected videos and images of ocean life and some children pretended they were fish or divers swimming in the video. Other children collected sea animal toys and stuffed animals and had the toys partake in the



underwater adventure. When we projected a green forest video children pretended to be animals playing in the forest.

Color Study Continues

This Friday (April 4) we will have a green pajama party which will conclude our celebration of shades of green. The week we come back from spring break we will begin to focus on shades of yellow. Please try to bring in yellow items!

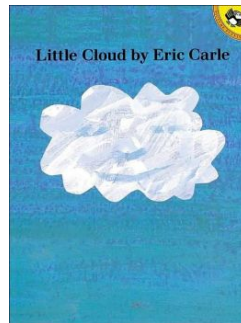
Reminders:

- Your family can volunteer to take home and care for our class pet, Meow the gerbil, during spring break. Let us know if you're interested!
- Please wash hands when entering The Nest with your children.
- Check the blog for classroom diaries regularly!
- It's getting warm! Please bring in some warm weather spare clothes to put in your child's cubby.

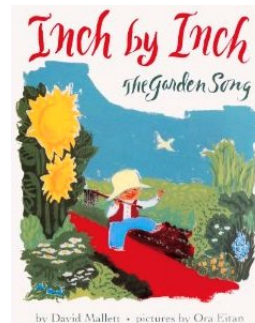
Dates to Remember:

- Friday, April 4, Green Pajama Party (wear green and/or pjs)
- Monday, April 7 - Friday, April 11, school spring break (**mini camp runs 8-4! Contact Trisha if you're interested**)
- Monday, April 14, begin focusing on shades of yellow
- Saturday, May 3, Family visiting day to Wonder of Learning Exhibit (in Greenville, SC)
- Saturday, May 17 at 10am, Bluejay Family visit to Fernbank Museum of Natural History

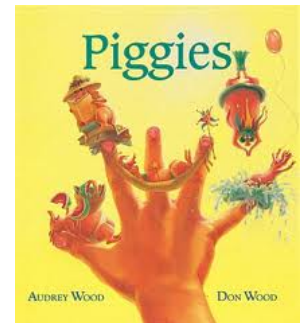
Popular Books in the Bluejay Class



THE LITTLE
CLOUD
BY
ERIC CARLE



INCH BY INCH,
THE GARDEN SONG
BY
DAVID MALLET



PIGGIES
BY
AUDREY + DOUG
WOOD



Moving Up

We have been so pleased to welcome Sam and his parents Amy and Larry to the Bluejay class. Now we welcome Effy and her parents Brandi and Eric to the class community! Effy will begin joining us full time when we get back from spring break. At that time our friend Nate will move up to the Hummingbird room. We will miss our Naters, but will still have lots of time to play with him in the mornings and afternoons and on the playground. Many of the Bluejays, including Mandy, will be joining Nate as Hummingbirds in the fall.

