

Earth Day

When we arrived on the playground we discovered a project Cathy had begun with the Orange Room children. Cathy explained how tape was wrapped around the tree in a way that allowed beautiful spring cuttings to stick onto the tree trunk as a gift to, or as a way of saying thanks to the tree. They invited us to contribute; Camille, Flora, Ada, & Emily took great pride in staying with the tree a long time to re-adhere fallen pieces.

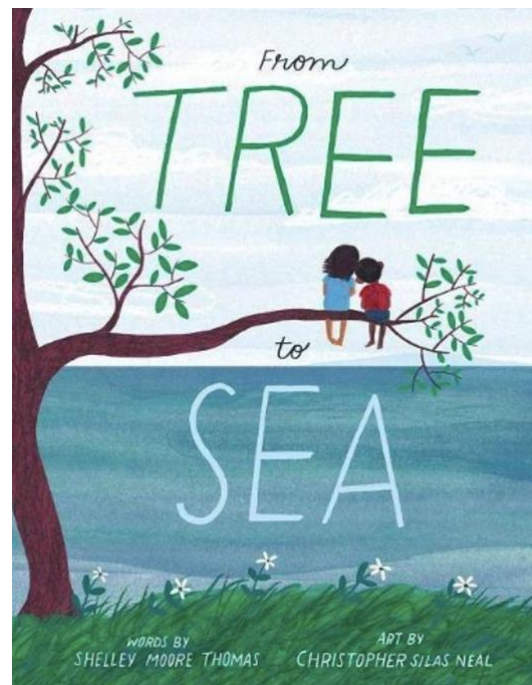
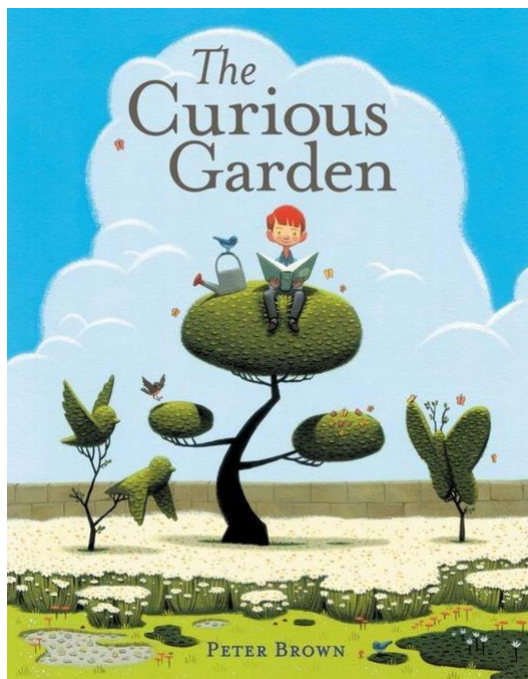




There have been many bees & other winged critters flying about the playground recently. At first, many children were overly concerned about bites, & had trouble sharing the playground with them. Thankfully we have this wonderful book, *The Thing About Bees*, to reference; we have read it many times in the past few weeks which has helped us understand why it's crucial for us to learn to coexist. Ask your child what they know about bees!



On Earth Day we not only read *Bees*, but also a favorite, *The Curious Garden* & a library book called *From Tree to Sea*. *Curious* tells the tale of how a little TLC in the garden can transform an unhealthy city, while *Tree to Sea* shares wistful metaphors about what we can learn about ourselves from the natural world.



In the late afternoon Seba acquired chalk & requested I accompany him to the lowest rung of the climbing structure. He announced he planned to write "Happy Earth Day!" We sounded out the words together, but Seba really knew most of the sounds & shapes by himself!



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