

April 2022

Sequoia's Treehouse



Welcome April!

Spring is on its way and we are excited about the change in weather! Rain showers means our flowers can get a good drink and wake up for the season. The children are excited to get out on more nature walks and see all the beautiful things popping up!

Take a look at what we were doing this last month and all the exciting things to come in April!

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Seedling Room

Hello Seedling Families,

March was spent learning all about animals. We read books and looked at pictures of all kinds of interesting animals from pets to farms to jungles to deserts. We played with our little toy animals, making animal sounds and even building them enclosures with blocks. We sang songs about animals such as Old McDonald, Baa baa black sheep, and five little ducks. The babies love songs and it's especially cute seeing them bounce and clap along!

Some other favorite activities in March were catching bubbles, looking through photo albums with pictures of the seedlings, and rolling and throwing balls.

April is here, and with the end of March comes the beginning of spring! We have been very busy giving our classroom a spring makeover. Our family tree has pink and white foliage, there are tissue paper flowers blooming all around the room, pictures of flowers have been added to the floor for closer inspection, and 3D butterflies have landed on our doors. Even our real plants have gotten into the spring spirit and begun to flower!

As we move through April, we will continue to add more spring curriculum including flowers, plants and insects through books, songs, art, and sensory experiences. Hooray for spring!

--Sandy & Laila



We've been exploring:

Various animals
Photo albums
Bubbles

Looking forward to:

Plants and flowers
Insects
Sensory experiences



Sprouts Room

Hey there Sprout family! Spring is here and we are ready for it!

We've been hearing new sounds in the playground the last week. The bird feeders are out, and we have been enjoying the surprise as they fly over our heads! We haven't seen Froggy, but we've heard them! Our garden is sprouting wildflowers and a vegetable we can't name yet, but we are always peeking in to see if Froggy came back.

For art this month, we will be focusing on bringing spring to the classroom with flowers and frogs the class works on together. Using colors like we are finding outside, greens, pinks and blues. If you have gardens at home, we'd love pictures to add to our family tree!

Painting has been a hit this past month and we look forward to more art and using things we find outside in our art. Using feathers and grass to paint with as well as with paint brushes to enhance our fine motor skills.

Books this month will be The Very Hungry Caterpillar and That's Not Mine, exploring spring and social skills. For songs we will be singing 5 Green and Speckled Frogs and 5 Little Ducks.

-Alyse & Deisi



Parents: Please remember to bring your kiddos with extra raingear, rain boots, & extra clothes.

We've been exploring:

Painting
Music
Creative Expression

Looking forward to:

Spring
Flowers
Colors of Nature



Shoots Room

Hello Shoot Families

In the month of March we welcomed Opal, Marnie, and Finley to our class. They have been a wonderful addition to our classroom! Our theme this month was All About Me. We learned about our bodies, our families, and our community. We used mirrors to explore different emotions and expressions. Our class loved painting hearts and *The Heart Anatomy Song*. We learned that food goes down our esophagus, through our stomachs, and gets turned into poop in our intestines! We used pipe cleaners and cheerios to show how it works! They were very surprised that our bodies turn food into energy and then poop. We were so excited this month to show everyone our family pictures! We painted houses and talked about who lives in our homes. We learned that some of our friends have pets at home. Water has also been a favorite topic this month. We've explored all the different ways we can scoop, fill, pour, paint, and splash with water. This month was a great time to share all of our amazing abilities and unique personalities!

All the Best,
-Colleen & Mads



We've been exploring:

All About Me

Families

Our Community

Looking forward to:

Flowers

Animals

Spring



Family Notes

Reminder to pack a fruit, veggie, and protein for lunch.

Please remember to bring a thick winter coat, rain boots and a rain gear. Please leave at least one extra pair of cloths at the center.

-Thank you

Shoots II Room

Hello Families!

For the month of March we focused on spring. We spent some time playing outside with different types of water sensory activities. We experimented with cause and effect using vinegar and baking soda which different people said that it went from not doing anything to farting or burping because it was squirted with vinegar. We also made different types of art from our window-stained glass to our puffy butterflies. We also spent time discussing the rain and different weather that we can experience during spring. Joining our class this month we had Benjamin, Audrey, and Jaxxon.

-Evelyn



Family Notes

As the children learn how to put their own jackets and shoes on themselves, it's a good idea to set some extra time and patience aside so they have an opportunity to practice their new skills.

Please ensure your child has extra clothes in their cubbies

Please remember to take home water bottles, blankets, and rain suits to wash every Friday!

Thank you!!

We've been exploring:

How to Show Our Feelings
Spring Plants
Spring Colors

Looking forward to:

Earth Day!
Respecting Boundaries
Independence and confidence

Field Trips

-Weekly trips to the wetlands

Sapling Room

Hello Young Sequoia Families,

This month was one of our favorites as we learned about our solar system! We painted our own planets on a variety of different supplies and implemented the "Planet Song" in our daily circle time routine. Our friends quickly learned the names of the planets in our solar system and as the month went by, we were amazed at how they even memorized the order of the planets from the sun. We think by far the saplings' favorite part was building a rocket ship out of recycled cardboard boxes and getting to paint it before we got inside and blasted off into space!

This month we are also excited to have welcomed Freya!

Next month we will be learning about spring and gardening as we observe our environment blossoming into the new season.

-Cinthia & Deimos

Field Trips:

Weekly trips to the wetlands



Family Notes

Waters and blankets go home at the end of the week to wash

Please ensure your Sapling has extra clothes and a blanket, daily

As we enter spring, we get more rainy days so we need tuffos and boots in cubbies, daily



We've been exploring:

Planets

Stars

Space

Looking forward to:

Spring

Gardening

Flowers

Young Sequoia Room

Hello families!

This month the young sequoia class has been learning about the five senses! The first thing we did was identify what each sense was and how they worked! We did different activities that used each of the senses. We created many different sensory bins using cooked pasta, shaving cream, rice, and jello that represented different textures. We also made different smelling jars and had the class guess what was in each.

As a group the class made a large sensory art poster! We used several different materials that had different textures and paint to decorate. The picture is hanging on the wall beside the closet to look at! One of the kids favorite activities was making self-portraits. They used different materials to represent their different senses!

The class had lots of fun learning about the five senses and incorporating it with their play! We will continue to talk about the five senses as well!

- Sonya & Maria

Field Trips

-Weekly trips to wetlands

-Farm Field Trip
4/13 @10am



We've been exploring:

Five Senses

Tracing Numbers and Letters

Baking and Cooking

Looking forward to:

Earth Day

New Friends

Warm Weather

Family Notes

Please bring in a family picture for the family tree!

Please look through your child's cubby to ensure they have extra clothing and proper rain gear and a winter coat.

Please be sure you are bringing home your child's water bottle, blanket, and rain gear ever Friday.

Sequoia Room

Happy spring everyone!

What a special time! The Sequoia class has been learning about the exciting changes that happen this time of year. We've shared in the joy of watching flowers bloom and feeling the warmth of a few sunny days. Daffodils and cherry blossoms were brought into the classroom to celebrate. Our exploration of wetlands creatures continued as we began to explore rabbits. Though rabbits are usually quite quiet, they can make many noises. So we listened to audio of rabbit sounds. Students enjoyed dressing up as rabbits with hats made of paper and puff ball tails. They hopped and bounced about. We practiced our "bunny breaths" (three sniffs in and a long breath out) for calming and getting in tune with our bodies.

Next we learned about snails. Kids practiced moving fast and slow like snails and mice to a song called "Slowly Creeps The Garden Snail". As a group we practiced rolling playdough into coils, then forming them into spiral snail shapes. Children were challenged to draw snails. We took our snail pets out of their tank to hold and observe. And now we eagerly await the wetlands snails' emergence from their wintertime hiding spots in the wetlands!

Deer were another topic of interest. Hoof tracks had been spotted in the wetlands numerous times, as well as deer scat. The clues were there, but we had never seen the actual deer. It was time to find out more about them. We learned that deer are very good at hiding with their camouflaged colors. We saw and touched a set of real antlers. Paper deer hats were created and worn for dramatic play. Kids practiced walking and leaping on all fours.

On a nature hike a while back, a perfect tiny print that looked like a handprint was spotted in the mud. It was a raccoon track! We knew a bit about raccoons from our nocturnal animals unit, and the kids were eager to re-explore the topic.

It's important to take time to check in with our feelings, so we did just that. We read books about feelings and how to deal with them in helpful, constructive ways. We discussed ways to deal with our own big feelings. How can we solve problems that arise between fellow classmates? The children had many good suggestions.

All in all, it's been an exciting month!

-Anna & Sara



Family Notes

Please remember to take your child's water bottle home at least once a week.

Don't forget to pick up your child's artwork from atop their cubby!

Please make sure that your child has extra clothes in their cubby.

We've been exploring:

What happens in springtime

More wetlands creatures

Emotions and social skills

Looking forward to:

Learning about eagles, ravens and owls

Exploring music and dance

Seeing more animals in the wetlands (now that it's springtime)