

THE MONTHLY **SPROUT 2**

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

July 1, 2021

Dear Families,

Our study of "Light" for the month of June was a great success!

The Sprouts had endless amounts of fun as we star gazed using night lights on the ceiling, painted with black light paint, played with flashlights, and used sunglasses to protect their eyes from the sunlight while playing outside. The Sprouts also learned that not only could they see the moon at night, but they could also see it during the day. They learned that the moon was different than the sun because the sun gives us light to see our surroundings and is only out during the day. We even enjoyed a few relaxing mealtimes eating by candlelight while having the lights in the classroom turned off.

We celebrated our "Light" study with having glow stick dance parties! With the lights off in the room we had many discussions about what makes light and the difference between light and dark.

McKenzie enjoyed the book called "Black Rabbit." In this story, the rabbit thinks he is being followed by a black rabbit, but it is just his shadow! McKenzie quickly figured this out and would say "It's the rabbits shadow!"

When we went outside, we did some funny dance moves and explored our shadows on the sidewalk.

Rory and **Hazel** loved singing *This Little Light of Mine* together during Circle Time while flashing their flashlights!

Hazel also discovered her shadow as the sun peered into the bathroom! She made bunny ears with her fingers and said "Hop, hop!" So cute!

Easton enjoyed our sun and stars hunts. Most of the time he was the first to spot those really hidden shapes and was so excited each time he found one.

Nora and **Kate** did great with sharing the glow in the dark balls. They would take turns rolling it or throwing it to each other in the darkened room and laughing each time they passed it.

Parker intently listened to the Mickey Mouse book with the light switch. He would wait patiently until it was his turn and then gently push the button to turn the light on. His smile was brighter than any light!

Tula could have played at the light table all day long. She would find and build houses with the "Blue" illuminated magnetic tiles.

Griffin, our newest Sprout friend, discovered the classroom light and would stand on his toes and attempt to turn them on and off during the day for us. He has also taken a liking to the play structure outside! He is doing so well! We love getting to know him and his wonderful family!

Next month we will study "Rocks, Sand and Water". We will explore water, sand play, and rocks while doing water coloring, rock painting, exploring if items sink or float and exploring textures.

Books:

- I Found a Rock
- Water

Songs:

- Row, Row, Row Your Boat
- The Sandcastle

Some great investigative questions for next month:

- What is a rock?
- What do we use water for?
- Where do we find sand?

Have a great month of July! Happy 4TH!

Ms. Kelcy and Ms. Tracy

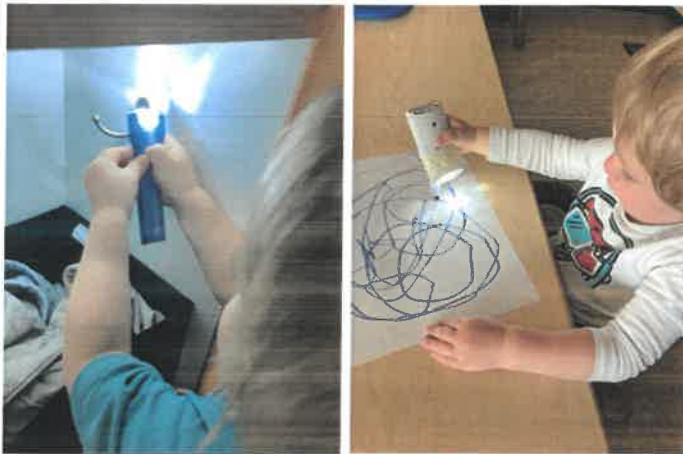
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BLACK LIGHT PAINTING



EXPLORING WITH FLASHLIGHTS



CANDLELIGHT MEALTIME



SUNGLASSES



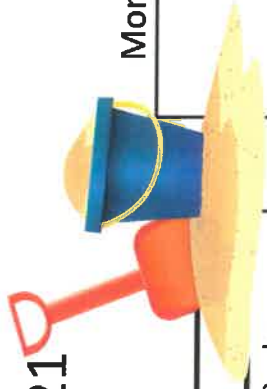
LIGHT TABLE WITH MAGNET TILES



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GRIFFIN
AND FAMILY!

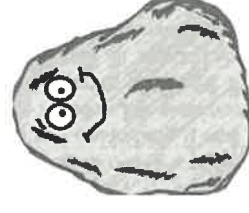
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Rocks, Sand & Water



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<u>Water</u>
This Month's Songs:
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<u>The Sand Castle</u>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Closed	6 Rock sorting	7 Sink or swim?	1 Exploring rocks	2 Exploring sand
12 Sand painting	13 Sand molding	14 Treasure hunt	15 Sand boxes	16 Colored sand
19 Exploring water	20 Water play	21 Watercolors	22 Painting with water	23 Water and sponges
26 Sand and rock sensory table	27 Tissue paper and water art	28 Rain drops	29 Pouring station	30 Stacking rocks



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