

Treehouse News

For the month of August we adventured into the **Pacific Northwest**. We discussed Oregon and Washington landmarks and several of our kids were very familiar with them. We learned about **Native Americans** and the meaning of totem poles. Above all though, the children loved doing all of the different crafts we created. We made glittery Oregon waterfalls, flowers of the Pacific Northwest, feathery pine cone owls, beaver huts, **totem poles** and many others. To make sure they had enough shelter, Micah put as many wood chips as he could into his beaver hut, because he knew shelter was important. When making our totem poles, Mikaela and Cohen did an excellent job at drawing the native and animal symbols. And for our 3D plant art, Connor and Decker loved finding the various **plants** outside to make their master pieces. Overall, the kids were constantly eager for new art projects.

We also learned about **animals** in the Pacific Northwest. All of the kids helped to make animals for our adventure room. Nathaniel made a wonderful deer and Mason made small smiling ants. We read many books about these animals; one of which was a book about **otters** that one of our Treehouse friends brought into share. This book went over the differences between **river** otters and sea otters. The kids were so **intrigued** by the different animal books we read throughout this month.

Our **Spanish** words for this month were also a huge hit; river, tree, flower and mountain. They also enjoyed our selection of Native American words. Their favorite was “**muck o muck**” which means “to eat” from **Chinook Jargon**. Much of the discussion during lunch time included the kids debating over whether or not you should say, “it’s time to muck o muck” or “it’s time muck o muck.” It has been great to hear everyone discussing the ways in which these words should be used and seeing them embrace this month’s curriculum.

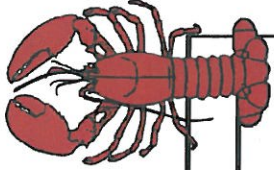
The children have sure been enjoying our **summer** weather and playing outdoors. After learning about the different aspects of the Pacific Northwest, they were engaged with **nature** and the different animals around them. They’ve had a wonderful time learning about the Pacific Northwest and have been, and continue to be excited to learn every day.

It was great to see everyone at **graduation!** It has been amazing to see the children grow in so many ways over the year! For our next and final month here in the Treehouse, we will be exploring different **insects and bugs**. Please remember with this heat to keep bringing the water bottles! It really helps to keep the kids hydrated!

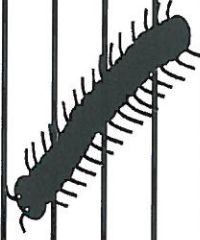
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Ms. Brandi and Ms. Caroline

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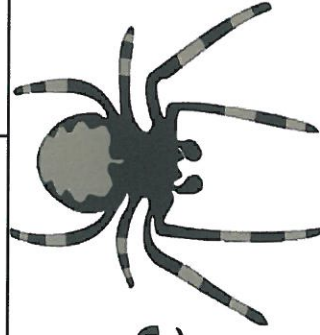
Notes:
Books:
Oh Beyond Bugs...
Over in the Garden
Diary of a Spider
Under One Rock...



The World of Bugs



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 What is an Arthropod?	2 Butterflies and Moths	3 Bees and Ladybugs	4 Other Flying Insects	5 Share: Favorite Flying Arthropod
8 Beetles	9 Hopping Bugs	10 Stink Bugs	11 Other Insects	12 Share: Favorite Insect
15 Crabs	16 Lobsters	17 Shrimp	18 Barnacles	19 Share: Favorite Crustacean
22 Spiders	23 Itsy Bitsy Spider Song	24 Daddy Long Legs	25 Harvestmen	26 Share: Favorite Arachnid
29 Scorpion	30 Millipedes	31 Centipedes	1 Heterometrus	2 Share: Favorite Myriapoda



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