

Life on an Oyster Reef and Fishy Fun! Archived

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Hi Parents,

We had a glorious week in Finned Friends this week studying oysters and fish. On Wednesday, we had an awesome program by ClearShark H2O about the importance of oysters and life on an oyster reef. We had the chance to meet a mud crab, a grass shrimp, a goby, a blenny and a bristle worm. So fun! We dissected an oyster, painted an oyster shell, played an oyster shell match game, and did a coffee filter oyster experiment to figure out how oysters help to the bay clean. We enjoyed holding mud crabs, gobies and mummichogs and learned about the parts of a fish. We painted beautiful mud crab paintings using real mud and made some fabulous fish collages. We explored some fish puzzles, checked out our tray of crustaceans, and sorted our fish manipulatives. We did a lot of counting to 10 while exploring the appendages of a crab and counted on our calendar as well. We made the letter y in Yarn and checked out our Y items. We had fun getting our pictures taken, enjoyed time at the Shady Grove, showed off our riding toys skills, and played in the Holly Jolly Forest. We fought lots of fires on the playground and built some fabulous structures with our arches. We even made some colored pencil fish art and fished for numbers.

It was an amazing week! Stories this week included One is A Snail Ten is A Crab, Fidgety Fish, How the Oysters Saved the Bay, Rhyming Dust Bunnies, and lots of other books about boats, crabs and fish. It was an amazing week!

Thank you so much to Ms. Lindsay for being out incredible parent helper! Your kindness, patience and caring ways are loved by all of our friends! Thank you as well to Ms. Lindsay, Mr. Kenny, Ms. Kim, and Ms. Cat for sharing all of your wonderful knowledge and activities with us. Thank you most of all for sharing your fabulous kids with us! They are fantastic young naturalists and their imaginative play is a joy to experience.

Please remember to check for ticks! They are out this time of year and can sometimes be very small.

I hope you all have a lovely rest of your week and please let me know if you have any questions!

Thanks,

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