



After spending some time observing the spider webs, we continued down the trail to see what other neat things we could find. While we were walking, we noticed a small oak tree that had a leaf that was red. We walked some more and the children noticed that we had come to the area with lots of milk weed plants and we stopped for a moment to observe them and how they have changed since the last time we looked at them. The children noticed that some of the leaves on the plants had changed colors as well as some of the milkweed seed pods. The children felt the pods and used words like “soft,” “pokey,” and “fuzzy” to describe the milkweed seedpods.



After observing the milkweed pods, we moved along the trail and as we were walking, the children noticed some tracks in the sand. The children began making predictions about what type of animal had made the tracks. Devon thought maybe “a bear” made the tracks. Madelyn disagreed with him. She said “a bear has little circles in the front and a big circle in the back..” Genevieve

guessed “a duck” made the tracks. Lucas and Mia both said they thought it was a deer track. After we talked about the deer track, Lilly looked down and excitedly announced “Look! It’s a Lilly track!”



A little farther down the path we found some more milkweed plants. These milkweed pods were beginning to open. Ms. Jen pulled apart one of the pods so the children could take a closer look. Natalie said “they look like feathers.” Some of the children blew them away and watched them float into the air.



We continued down the trail and found a nice shady spot to spread out the blanket. Some of the children wanted to dig in the soft sand while others decided to draw in their Nature Journals first.

