



Before we headed out on our Nature Walk today we stopped to take a look at one of the trees on the playground. Madelyn noticed right away that “the leaves are almost gone.”

As we walked down the road, several children pointed out the tracks in the dirt. Some children thought a truck made the tracks and others said it was a tractor.



We walked down the path through a field of tall plants.



Many of the children noticed that the flowers had turned from yellow to brown and white. Josiah said “these flowers are all fuzzy. I think they might blow away with the wind.”





The children walked on the path and then hiked to the top of the big hill. Several of them spread their arms out like airplanes and ran up and down the hill.



They continued to run up and down the hill and the airplanes turned into racers.



After a while, some of the children decided to cheer their friends that were still running on from the side-lines.





After they were done running, they explored the big hill with small groups of friends. Giving children time to explore things on their own is a very valuable gift. When things are not hurried, the children have time to process the world around them at their own pace.



Some of the children decided to draw and write in their Nature Journal. Nature Journals are perfect to encourage children to record and sketch what they observe. The journals can also become a personal creation where children record their thoughts, feelings as well as their discoveries.



Josiah drew a picture of himself and some friends running up and down the hill together.





Madelyn sketched a spider web with lots of smiley faces in it.



Natalie added her own describing words to her drawing.

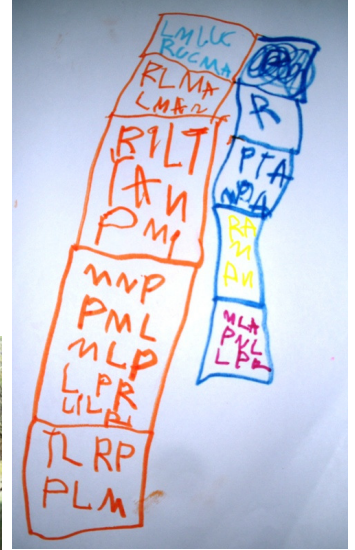


Genevieve drew "a Mommy duck walking."





Gianna was pretty excited to write in her Nature Journal for the first time. She drew a picture of bunnies. She said “it’s a Mom, Dad, and two Sister bunnies.” She also wrote a page of “just letters.”



Mia drew “a sunflower” in her journal. (right)



Jake said “it’s just red things.” (far left)