## Hello Preschool Families!

Last week, we focused on nature art and taking care of our animals in Outdoor Environment. We painted and glittered pinecones, which was a fun and messy adventure!







The students have been learning about worm care for several months now. Our worm bin is doing great, and the children have been able to pet the worms (carefully, with one finger). Last, many of them felt brave enough to hold a wiggling worm in the palm of their hand!







We talked about how worms don't have teeth, so they can't bite. Some friends loved the worms so much, they really didn't want to put them back in the bin. We noticed that the food that we had left in the bin two weeks ago is now completely gone. The worms ate all of our scraps and turned them into compost. We touched the rich compost and compared it to the regular soil in our raised beds.

We fed Otis and a few friends pet him. Our lucky early class was able to hear him crow. He usually stops crowing by about 8AM, so every time we hear him, it feels special!

This week, we prepared our worms for the long winter break. We all worked together to tear up paper for their bedding, and made sure they had plenty of food scraps for the time we will be gone. We also checked on our garden, which has a new watering system and it is flourishing! The tomatoes are getting very big and we were able to look at them with our magnifying glass, and feel how hard they are since they aren't yet ripe.







After break, we will be getting ready to plant our spring garden. We would love any donations of organic soil and mushroom compost to help our plants grow. Your support for our garden is greatly appreciated!

I hope everyone has a wonderful winter break, and I can't wait to see everyone again in 2020!

-Ms. Hubbard