Dear Families:

This week we have been sharpening our observation skills by using magnifying glasses. Nature calls on us to look carefully and to focus at different distances.

By providing magnifying glasses for the close-up examination of bugs and leaves, we encourage children to slow down and take observation more seriously. Magnifying glasses help kids see things they’ve never seen before, like tiny insect antennae and legs.

We took our magnifying glasses and journals outside and the children worked in pairs to examine what they found. Then they drew pictures of what they saw through their magnifying glasses.

By using magnifying glasses to look at the veins in a leaf or the three body parts of an ant, your child gains a deeper understanding of the natural world. By recording their observations in journals, the children are laying the foundation for learning and recording observations during future scientific investigations.

Children who spend time outside in nature are less likely to suffer from myopia (nearsightedness) than peers who spend more time looking at screens.

So grab some paper and crayons and let your child document the natural world!