

# HUSKY JOURNAL

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## 1st & 2nd Grade Clay Creators

During the first part of the "clay creators" session, children were asked to design a fictional character using modeling clay. In the second part of the activity, children were asked to incorporate their character into a setting of their choosing. Children decided to work in groups using Maker's Space materials. The children practiced communicating their ideas and turning them into stories. Together they worked on literacy skills, dictations and collaborative problem solving.



**Check our Instagram for videos of this activity!**



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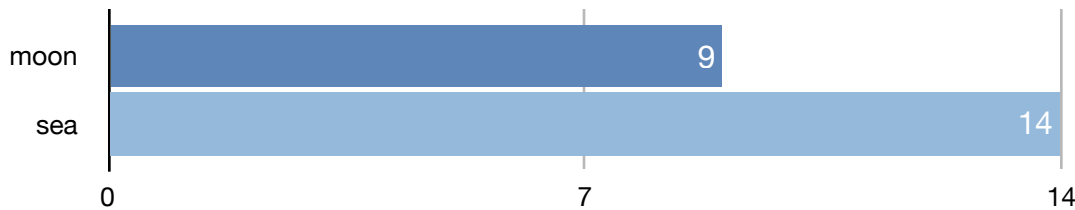
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## CHILDREN WERE ASKED WOULD YOU RATHER...

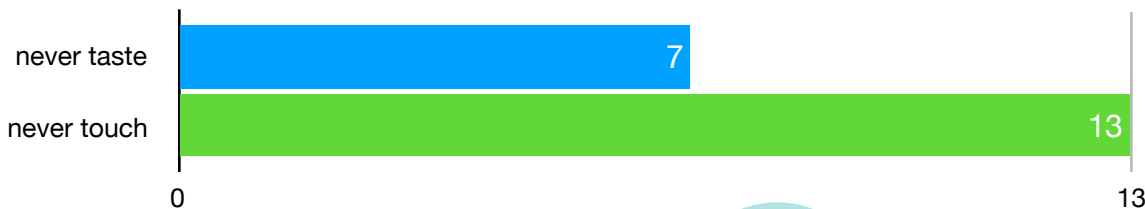
Have a lion cub or a giraffe for a pet?



Explore the moon or the depths of the sea?



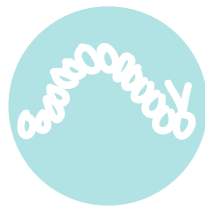
Never be able to taste again or never be able to touch/feel with your hand again?



**MAY 7**

International Space Day

Each room at Husky will be learning and celebrating space in their own age-appropriate way!



**MAY 19**

World Plant a Vegetable Garden Day

An afternoon of outdoor learning and get our hands in some dirt! World Plant a Vegetable Garden Day was created to help feed a hungry planet, and encourage people to join in the fun hobby of gardening.



**MAY 28**

End of School Party Day!

Husky House will have special hours of 8:30-3:30 this day.

Please let us know if you will have your child attend so we can plan on number participants for our special activities.



**APRIL 29**  
International Dance Day

A truly global celebration encouraging everyone around the world to participate by dancing. We will be dancing to a whole bunch of different kinds of music, watch some videos of people dancing around the world, and maybe set out some dance-based challenges!

TOP TRAVEL DESTINATIONS  
FOR 2021

A CURATED TRAVEL  
COLLECTION BY  
BEN (4th) & JACKSON (4th)

Two fourth graders will be presenting a monthly series of travel guides. These boys collaborated to form a list of places they would like to visit when travel restrictions are lifted. Some of the destinations will be re-visits but most are destinations they anticipate visiting for the first time.



## Kaanapali, Hawaii TRAVEL GUIDE

Over spring break we had the opportunity to revisit once of our favorite spots.. Based on our experiences. we recommend you check this place out!

Kaanapali is an area in Maui near the airport. Kaanapali consists of lots of hotels and beaches including The Westin Maui and Kaanapali beach.

Our first night, we had a fantastic meal of fish-and-chips. We can't remember the name of the restaurant, but fish-and-chips are excellent anywhere in Hawaii.

Popular Places to visit in Kaanapali are Black Rock Beach and the shops at Whalers Village. Other things in Kaanapali are hiking and buggy boarding. There are lots of hotels and shops in Kaanapali. Kaanapali is the perfect place to vacation, located in the heart of Maui.

Thanks for reading!

Coming Next Time:  
Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

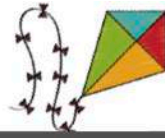
## Husky Pups Engineering Beaver Dams

In the Husky Pup Room, the themes for April are Wetlands and Earth Appreciation!

After we watched a brief educational video on beaver dams, we decided to try to create a dam in our Husky River just like the beavers do. With this hands-on learning, we were able to explore the muddy earth and the techniques beavers use to construct and create opportunities for gathering food sources.

So much messy fun!





# WHY WE PLAY

...for Expression!

Roughly 200 years ago, one of the first pioneers in early education, Friedrich Froebel, expounded:

***“Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood, for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child’s soul.”***

While the notion that children needed play was revolutionary in Froebel’s time, today the science of play is full of data supporting the connection between **healthy development and play**. Just as Froebel stated, one of the key strengths of play is the opportunity for children to express themselves freely.

Through imaginative play, creative movement, and expressive art, **children use simple materials to work through complicated ideas and feelings**. This offers a release and an outlet for energy and emotions that would otherwise stay pent up inside. This playful release contributes powerfully to the health and happiness of our children.

The expressiveness of play comes without the same risk and restraint of verbal communication. Because of this, play becomes an outlet for ideas and emotions that far exceed a child’s ability to process otherwise. **Even before children can speak, they play**. They may not have the language skills to articulate why they are afraid or how they perceive the world around them, but as they play with art materials, blocks, and other children, they find **a vehicle for those big concepts and strong feelings to go somewhere**.

We know children are happier and healthier when they are able to use play to express their whole selves -- their experiences, thoughts, emotions, and curiosity.

**It’s why we play.**