

May 2018

Class: Primary

Teachers:

**Rainforest & South America**

Dates	Theme	Geography	Circle & Share Day	Montessori	<u><b>Enrichment Overview</b></u>
<b>Week 1</b> 4/30-5/4	Rainforest  *Rainforest Floor * Life Cycles of Bees	South America  *Amazon Forest *Amazon River	Calendar Routine  Discussion: Rain Forest  Share Day (Friday): Something Yellow	Zoology: Goliath Spider Botany: Roots Science: Parts of a Bee Art: Bumble Bee Art Grace/Courtesy: Sitting at the table	<p><b>Music:</b> Latin American music encompasses a wide variety of styles, including influential genres such as bachata, bossa nova, merengue, rumba, salsa, samba, son, and tango. During the 20th century, many styles were influenced by the music of the United States giving rise to genres such as Latin pop, rock, jazz, hip hop, and reggaeton. Children will have the opportunity to explore these sounds while continuing their routine songs and movement activities.</p> <p><b>Art:</b> Indigenous art from the Amazon region will be explored as we are studying the rainforest this month. Masks, feather work, bright colors and textiles will be explored so give children an understanding of the art that is produced by native people of the Amazon and other parts of South America.</p> <p><b>Cooking:</b> Children will explore some of the more popular dishes of South America and the difference of how they prepare meals vs. how we cook in North America. We will continue to practice our reading, measuring and mixing skills as we prepare snacks and dishes throughout the month.</p> <p><b>Computer:</b> ABC Mouse will continue to guide children with a self-paced curriculum and track their progress through language, math and reading. Parents can check progress at home.</p> <p><b>Spanish:</b> South American culture will be explored. We will look at pictures of different types of clothing, food and typical life of children from different countries. Children will learn the names of the different layers of the rainforest and the most popular animals that live within the rainforest.</p>
<b>Week 2</b> 5/7- 5/11 *Teacher Appreciation Week *5/11 – Mother’s Day Celebration	Rainforest  *Emergent Layer *Life Cycle of Butterflies	South America  *El Tortumo Volcano *Colombia	Calendar Routine  Discussion: Rainforest  Share Day (Friday): Something Blue	Zoology: Blue Morpho Butterfly Botany: Stems Science: Parts of a Butterfly Art: Butterfly Art Grace/Courtesy: Please and Thank you	
<b>Week 3</b> 5/14-5/18 5/17-5/18 <b>Parent Teacher Conferences</b>	Rainforest  *Understory *Life cycle of Praying Mantis	South America  *Peru *Nazca Lines	Calendar Routine  Discussion: life Cycles  Share Day (Friday): something Green	Zoology: Chameleon Botany: Leaves Science: Parts of a Mantis Art: Nazca Lines Grace/Courtesy: Use a napkin	
<b>Week 4</b> 5/21-5/25	Rainforest  *Canopy *Life cycle of Frogs	South America  *Galapagos * Ecuador	Calendar Routine  Discussion: Life Cycles  Share Day (Friday): Something Red	Zoology: Tree frogs Botany: Flowers Science: Parts of a frog Art: Frogs Grace/Courtesy: Inside Voices	
<b>Week 5</b> 5/28-6/1 *School Closed 5/28 – Memorial Day	Rainforest  *Fruits *Water Cycle	South America  *Peru * Lake Titicaca	Calendar Routine  Discussion: Water Cycles  Share Day (Friday): Rocks or leaves	Zoology: Snakes Botany: trees Science: Evaporation rain cloud in a jar. Art: Water painting Grace/Courtesy: Walking in a line	

\*Each child has an individualized lesson plan in alignment with the Montessori Curriculum. This calendar represents an overview of concepts that will be introduced over the month and may not reflect exact lessons for your child.