# **Highlights Of The Week**

## Group: Possums

#### **Moments That Mattered**

This week, our preschoolers embraced the joy of discovery through sensory play and storytelling. One standout moment was when the children collaboratively built a "rainforest village" using natural materials, narrating stories about animals, weather, and friendship. Their imaginative play sparked spontaneous singing, laughter, and gentle problem-solving as they negotiated roles and shared space. Another treasured moment was our Diwali light walk, where children explored the symbolism of light and kindness.

### **Learning In Action**

- Explored early science concepts by mixing colors and observing changes in texture during water and sand play.
- Practiced rhythm and pattern recognition through musical games using drums, claps, and movement.
- Strengthened fine motor skills while threading beads, drawing story maps, and using scissors with growing confidence.
- Engaged in early literacy by co-authoring a group story titled "The Moon's Secret Garden," blending fantasy with real-world observations.

#### **Conversations and Coneections**

Children initiated thoughtful conversations about fairness, friendship, and feelings. One child asked, "Why do we take turns with the big shovel?"—prompting a group discussion about sharing and safety. Another group reflected on the Diwali story, connecting it to their own family traditions and asking, "Can light be a hug too?" We also saw beautiful peer mentoring emerge, with older preschoolers gently guiding younger ones through routines like packing away and transitioning between activities.

### **Educator Reflections**

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This week reminded us of the power of co-constructed learning. When we step back and listen deeply, children show us how capable, curious, and compassionate they truly are. The rainforest village play was a testament to their ability to weave narrative, negotiate roles, and express cultural knowledge through symbolic play.

### **Looking Ahead**

Children will experiment with body percussion, scarves, and simple instruments to explore beat, tempo, and emotional expression.

Through puppet play and story circles, we'll explore feelings like excitement, nervousness, and pride.

With the weather warming, we'll set up nature stations for bug observation, leaf rubbings, and collaborative garden mapping.

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