Dear Owl Families:

We had an amazing first week of school with the Owls!!! They are kind, curious and enthusiastic learners, and we have so enjoyed getting to know them better this week. We have had some action-packed days, and they each powered through with a positive attitude and a great sense of adventure. We can hardly wait for week two!

Below are some pictures and highlights from the week. Enjoy! Lastly, the children will be bringing home a white binder each Friday containing a letter describing their favorite part of the week. We would like to ask that you write a short letter back to your child before returning them to school on Monday. This is a great opportunity to record a written conversation that will last the whole year.

Have a wonderful weekend, and please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Nea and Bryan
Get up and go, we're the Owls!!!

From our energizing Morning Meeting to our Closing Circle at the end of the day, the Owls have had very busy days filled with adventure both inside the Owl's Nest and on our many outdoor explorations. This week our focus was building our classroom community, establishing rituals and routines, and introducing the various parts of our daily schedule like Reader's and Writer's Workshop, Nature Education, and Math/STEM activities.
In Reader's and Writer's Workshop, we worked in small group rotations enjoying read-alouds from favorite authors like Mo Willems, talking about books, writing shared and individual worm stories, and engaging in a variety of hands-on activities to build and enhance literacy skills.
In Math/STEM this week, the Owls enjoyed identifying and creating a variety of patterns, engaging in engineering challenges with big blocks, playing math games, and exploring with math materials. We have a very math-oriented group and they are very savvy at counting, quantifying, building and patterning!
Nature Education:

We had a great time exploring "worm town," and collecting worms. The Owls are not afraid to dig in and get their hands dirty! We also explored Magnolia Lawn and collected bamboo and other items found in nature to help decorate and enhance the yard in front of the Owl's Nest. We are impressed with the Owl's appreciation of the natural world and with their sense of wonder and curiosity about the world around them.
Thank you for a great first week of school!