

Spring 2011

THE INSIDE SCOOP

Deerstream Learning Center
Briar Creek



5/6/7 YEAR OLDS

We have had a wonderful time in our class studying "Living things and their Environments". We have had the opportunity to really focus on the River Otter and were able to make our own River Otters and create a drama incorporating elements of their environments. Our parents came to see our original River Otter play including props, scenery, script and of course, the stars of the show, our handmade River Otters.

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7/8/9 YEAR OLDS

Our Deerstream science class has finished its unit on insects including our visit at the Museum of Life and Science with our favorite teen entomologist, Andrew Bauer. What fun we had studying God's creation and creativity in the insect world! What a great field trip!

We have begun our unit on the human body and the wonders of man who was created in God's image. As we put together a cardstock human skeleton, we are learning the names of many of the 206 bones that help us walk, bend, play and run. We will move on to the body systems including the respiratory, nervous, digestive and circulatory systems. As we study each body system, we will add organs to our skeleton until we have our own paper human body. We have some extremely talented scientist/artist in our classroom. Who knew skeletons could be so colorful or amazing!



9/10/11 YEAR OLDS

We have been enjoying our new unit on the Human Body. As the students constructed a model of the skeleton, we brainstormed as many jokes and puns about the body we could think of. There were some awesome verbal specimens. What a creative bunch we have! After studying about bones, teeth, and muscles, we will be learning about the other systems of the body through hands on projects and activities. We are gearing up for dissection of a pig's heart, a sheep's brain, and a sheep's eyeball. It should be memorable!

AFTERNOON ART

Our elementary art class has finished some wonderful self portraits and has moved on to creating plaster of Paris gauze masks. The children have made clowns, pirates, animals, and even a werewolf! We will put a final coat of glaze on these next week for the finishing touch. What a joy it is to see children expressing their imaginations through art. When God created man he placed in him the ability to create and, to some degree, experience the joy He experienced when he created the world. That is what I get to see each day when I teach art to children and see the smiles on their faces.

