



Ladybugs Class January 2019 Newsletter

It's a new year and with it, another newsletter! This month we have been focusing a lot on BUGS! The children's research and interest in bugs has been explored on the playground, in our drawing space, clay space, and light space. The children have been studying the anatomy of bugs in the drawing space, focusing on the specific shapes that make up different bugs. They have also been working with building bug homes on the light space, and making bug food in the clay space! Expressing their research through these languages practices their fine motor skills, encourages critical thinking, and allows them to use their imaginations. We have also been having conversations about community, and empathy through these topics.



This month the children have also been working with Ms. Ina in making natural dyes, and dyeing pieces of cloth. This continues their work in color theory, and studies of natural materials. Because of the cold weather, they have been revisiting their work from the park in the atelier!

This month we have also welcomed Makenna as our new co-educator! Makenna began at GPCP as a substitute in the fall, and then in November began working from 11-6 as an extended day educator, and Ladybugs support educator. She is very excited to be part of the Ladybugs class as a co-educator with Atai. She recently moved to Georgia from Massachusetts, where she attended Hampshire College. While there, she studied photography, film, and arts integration. She has worked in an elementary school

in Connecticut as a substitute for four years, and recently worked at a grade 5-12 school in Atlanta called Hybrid Education in Greater Atlanta.

As you may know, Atai is in college, and due to her new school schedule she will be leaving at 11:30 am on Mondays and Wednesdays and 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursday. On Fridays she will be able to work until 4:00 pm, and have planning time with Makenna. We are excited to be able to have planning time together and that we can still have Atai's presence in the classroom. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to Atai (atai.nail@gpcp.org) or Makenna (makenna.hill@gpcp.org).



A few reminders -

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- **Wednesday, January 30th - Child Talk Series at CT Campus 7:00 to 9:00pm**(read more about it in gabriela's December letter)
- **Thursday, February 7th - Cabbagetown Campus Picture Day**
- **Tuesday, February 12th - Child Talk Series 7:00 to 9:00pm**
- **Monday & Tuesday, February 19th & 20th - Winter Break - NO SCHOOL**
- **Wednesday, February 21st - Planning Day for educators - NO SCHOOL for children**

- **AUCTION: Saturday, March 23th**

