



# GSRP Penguin Planner

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## Unit of Inquiry

### Central Idea:

We can use play and behavior to express our feelings and ideas

Related Concept: Connection, Form, Responsibility

### Lines of Inquiry:

Ways people express their feelings

Ways we use our bodies

Our responsibility towards appropriate behavior

### Learner Profile Attributes:

**Knowledgeable**-I know it!



English

This week, the children explored the concept of making predictions. They attended to read alouds of the Knuffle Bunny Series by Mo Willems. After reading the first two books: *Knuffle Bunny* and *Knuffle Bunny Too*, the children made guesses about what they thought might happen in the third book, *Knuffle Bunny Free*, by drawing inferences from the book's cover illustrations. Some children predicted that a "fairy will ride a unicorn", "the bunny will get lost in the woods" and "she'll give her bunny to the baby on the train".

On Tuesday, Post Oak's International Baccalaureate Coordinator, Ms. Latty, came in to read a book from the *Oceans Alive* series: *Octopuses* by Ann Herriges, to explore this month's I.B. Learner Attribute: Knowledgeable. The children worked together to complete a Know and Learn chart about octopuses. Some children already knew that an octopus: "has long arms", "can be in a story", "has little tentacles", "is an animal", "has sticky, long tentacles" and "has 8 feet". After attending to the read aloud, the children expressed that an octopus: "squirts out black ink to get away from predators", "has 8 tentacles", "can camouflage", "has suckers on their tentacles" and "hides in rocks".

On Thursday, all of the preschool classes were invited to the gym to engage in a schoolwide positive behavior initiative called "Fun Thursday" where we all celebrate our behavioral successes with play time in the gym. The children reflected on how we celebrated the use of their "attento-scopes" to follow the classroom's Listening Rules. Mr. Reed, Ms. Hoover and Ms. Edmond organized a parachute game and dance party in the gym. It was AmAZinG !!!! Have a great weekend everyone.

## Chinese📖

This week the children explored the IB unit “how we express ourselves” through two IB attributes: “I am open-minded”; “I am knowledgeable”.

The children read “*Line and Scribble*” by Debora Vogrig on Monday. We discussed how a line and a scribble can turn into many different things. The children shared their great ideas: “A line can be a road; my family is walking on the road” “A scribble can be a rainbow cloud”. Then they used their imagination to create a picture out of a blank piece of paper with a line and a scribble.

We read the book “*Beautiful Oops*” by Barney Saltzberg on Tuesday. The children expressed themselves by saying “it is okay to make mistakes. Sometimes we can even turn the mistakes into something beautiful.” The children became little artists and made great artwork out of some “oops” (broken popsicle sticks, torn paper, etc.)

Ms. Latty, our guest teacher came and taught a lesson about how to become knowledgeable. She read a book about octopus, asked what students know about octopus before reading that book and what students learned after reading it. She mentioned that being knowledgeable requires us to ask questions and to actively find the answers.

The children read two books “Looking Out for Litter” and “Animal Homes” to get more knowledge about the planet we are living on and how we can protect the environment and our animal friends. Students used recycled egg cartons to make turtles as a follow-up activity.

Enjoy a lovely weekend! See you next week!❤️

### Reminder & Updates

#### Field Trip

March 23th: 10:00-11:30 Potter Park  
March 24-31th: Spring Break

