

Our Planet Earth & Oceania (Australia, New Zealand & Pacific Island)

	Theme	Geography	Circle & Share Day	Montessori	Enrichment Overview
Week 1 4/5-4/9	Our Planet Earth *Learn about compost *Create a compost bin	Oceania *Animals that live in Australia *Learn parts of a Kangaroo	Calendar Routine Discussion: Why we celebrate Easter Share Day (Friday): Bring in something with stripes	Zoology: Farm Animals Botany: Sunflowers Science: Make rain clouds Art: Coffee Filter art Grace/Courtesy: Use quiet voices	
Week 2 4/12-4/16	Our Planet Earth *Learn about Pollution *Air, land, water pollution science experiment	Oceania *Learn about Aboriginal art *Design and create a boomerang using aboriginal art	Calendar Routine Discussion: How animals live on a farm Share Day (Friday): Bring in an item that you would find on a farm	Zoology: Life cycle of a chicken Botany: Flower sorting Science: Cloud watching Art: Glue art Grace/Courtesy: How to solve a disagreement	
Week 3 4/19-4/23 *4/20 Earth Day Jamboree	Our Planet Earth *Learn about things we can recycle *Sort recyclables	Oceania *Listen and learn about the music created with Maori sticks * Learn to use Rhythm sticks	Calendar Routine Discussion: How we can Recycle Share Day (Friday): Bring in something recyclable	Zoology: Parts of a chicken Botany: Photosynthesis Science: Pollution Art: Rock art Grace/Courtesy: How to welcome a visitor	
Week 4 4/26-4/30	Our Planet Earth *Explore ways we can help our Earth *Color an earth book	Oceania *Explore Polynesian dancing * Learn how to Hula dance	Calendar Routine Discussion: How islands are formed Share Day (Friday): Bring in something blue and green	Zoology: Animals that lay eggs Botany: Cleaning leaves Science: Sink & Float Art: Wax paper art Grace/Courtesy: How to be a good guest	

Music: Exposure to traditional music from Australia, New Zealand & the Pacific Islands will happen during this month's Music classes. We also continue engaging in songs and movement activities. This month we will explore our songs about our planet Earth, Spring, Birds and Nature.

Art: Children will have the opportunity to explore art from the Oceania Region to include traditional Aboriginal art, as well as masks and petroglyphs, painting, wood carving, stone carving and textile work which are other common art forms from the region. Contemporary Pacific art encompasses traditional styles, symbols, and materials, but now imagined in a diversity of contemporary forms, revealing the complexity of geographic, cultural and individual interaction and history.

Cooking: Children will be exposed to one dish from the region of Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, as well as other recipes that will continue their practice of measuring, pouring, mixing and baking. Fun to eat snacks that are healthy will also be created by our young cooking friends.

Computer: ABC Mouse will continue to guide children with a self-paced curriculum and track their progress through language, math and reading. Parents can check progress at home.

Spanish: Children will learn the vocabulary for recycling and helping take care of the planet. They will read stories in Spanish about the Earth. They will continue practicing shapes, days of the week, months of the year and names of the seasons in Spanish. Music and Movement help engage the child's entire body in the activity and learning.

*Each child has an individualized lesson plan in alignment with the Montessori Curriculum. This calendar represents an overview of concepts that will be introduced over the month and may not reflect exact lessons for your child.