

Science comes alive in Pre-K classrooms

Meriden's Pre-Kindergarten students have been eagerly exploring the "Living World" strand in Science this term. They engaged in planting experiences and worked cooperatively with their friends to investigate the basic needs of plants.

The "Hatching Chicks" incursion has been the highlight event and a delightful way to learn about the basic needs of animals. Teachers had preliminary discussions with the children about what they thought would hatch from the eggs that were delivered. The students were thrilled to welcome three chicks and two ducklings to the world soon after. They eagerly observed the changes in the chicks and ducklings and explored their characteristics and basic needs. The children enjoyed cuddling them and displayed such joy when watching them run around and splash in their paddle pool.

It has been reassuring to see the students' knowledge develop throughout the weeks and through their direct involvement in the investigations. They will conclude the unit by learning about how living things can be used to meet our needs.

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