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We are rightfully concerned about the effects of plastic pollution in our global community. To spread awareness of this environmental and human rights threat, We are participating in the grassroots screening tour of *The Story of Plastic*, a documentary by The Story of Stuff Project . The film is a seething expose uncovering the ugly truth behind the current global plastic pollution crisis. Striking footage shot over three continents illustrates the ongoing catastrophe: fields full of garbage, veritable mountains of trash; rivers and seas clogged with waste; and skies choked with the poisonous runoff from plastic production and recycling processes with no end in sight. Original animations, interviews with experts and activists, and never-before-filmed scenes reveal the disastrous consequences of the flood of plastic smothering ecosystems and poisoning communities around the world – and the global movement rising up in response.

The link will be live from now until Sunday April 26th at 11:30 P.M.

Film Link: <https://indee.tv/screener/view/Yii8og95kkuub5UfXADBTMGtcPkYNuUZ>

Be sure to keep taking photos and recording the fun activities you are doing at home for your newsletter! Pieces of writing, drawings, interviews, and independent projects are encouraged! **The newsletter is due on Tuesday April 28th!**

How far back in history does your familial knowledge go? The middle group is doing some investigating this weekend to find out! We will learn about the countries we descended from and (hopefully) hear all sorts of stories from family and friends. Springtime seems like the perfect opportunity to make some family trees!

The older group has traversed to Greece to continue their ancient civilizations study. Individual research and reading of *Agamemnon*, a Greek tragedy, will continue over the next few weeks. We can't wait to see what they discover!



Want to become a birdbrain?

Beginner challenge: *Take a walk and find these six birds.*

 <p>Robin</p>	 <p>Male Female</p> <p>Cardinals</p>	 <p>Chickadee</p>
 <p>Crow</p>	 <p>Mourning Dove</p>	 <p>Junco</p>

Scout challenge: *Seven more that are harder to find*

 <p>Bluebird (NYS bird)</p>	 <p>Nuthatch</p>	 <p>Downy Woodpecker</p>
 <p>Redwinged Blackbird</p>	 <p>Goldfinch</p>	 <p>Meadowlark (try Knox Farm state Park)</p>
	 <p>Pileated Woodpecker</p>	