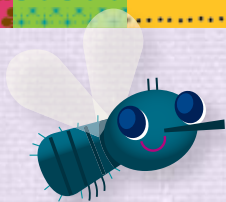


Family Newsletter



THIS MONTH'S THEME

Bugs & Crawly Things

Bugs & crawly things creep, crawl and fly their way around the classroom this month! Your child will learn about common bugs, their homes and their unique behaviors. Be ready to fly like a ladybug, crawl like a spider and buzz like a bee, as arts and crafts introduce the world of insects to your child. Bugs that may have seemed scary before will soon be friendly critters with colorful personalities!



Look for the daily notes about your child's art projects!



Children and Change

As nature sends signs of the changing seasons, it's a great time to encourage children to be aware of the changes in their surroundings. Challenge children to notice something that is different from yesterday. It can be simple, like the clothing we wear, or maybe something they notice outside, such as an insect. Encouraging children to connect with their surroundings and accept changes that occur will help them cope with unexpected changes in their everyday lives.

Getting in Touch with Nature

It's important to bring nature to your children. If you're fortunate enough to have grass, trees and other natural landscapes in or near your area, take time to explore them, care for them and use them as extensions of your child's classroom. Investigate items from nature, such as acorns, rocks, leaves or twigs to encourage discussion about the natural environment. If desired, you can bring some of these items home and set up your own "nature station," a place where nature exploration can continue indoors. Keep plants, terrariums or bug habitats in your home for children to care for and develop a sense of empathy and responsibility.

Today I made a ladybug headband.

I can spot a ladybug because they are usually red with black spots. I created my own spotted ladybug headband with red and black ties. Now I can wear my headband and pretend to fly around or crawl on the floor.

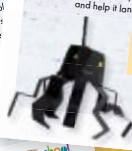
ASK ME: What materials do I need to make a ladybug headband?



Today I made a spider.

A spider is not an insect because it has 8 legs and only two body parts. I used my math skills to count out 8 paper legs and attached them to my spider's body. I can dangle my spider on a piece of yarn and help it land on something—maybe you!

ASK ME: How did you make your spider? What do you like about spiders?





RECOMMENDED READS

Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

Bug in a Rug

by Sue Graves and Jan Smith

Inch by Inch

by Leo Lionni

Hey, Little Ant

by Phillip and Hannah Hoose

Insectlopedia

by Douglas Florian

The Very Quiet Cricket

by Eric Carle

Waiting for Wings

by Lois Ehlert



Earthworms

(Sing to the tune of "London Bridge Is Falling Down.")

Use your child's name as you sing and crawl together.

**Earthworms crawling on the ground,
All around, up and down.
Earthworms crawling on the ground,
Peter caught one!**



Family Activities

Bug Hunt

Use this checklist to go on a family bug hunt together.

Don't forget to move rocks and look under objects. If you have a camera available, bring it along and take a photo of each bug you find.

- ☐ A flying bug
- ☐ A bug that is eating/drinking
- ☐ A crawling bug
- ☐ A bug's home
- ☐ Three or more bugs together
- ☐ An insect (6 legs, three-part body)

