

Family Newsletter



THIS MONTH'S THEME

Habitats & Homes

Review the alphabet with your children and explore the many places people and animals call home. From apartments to anthills, children will discover many cozy places that are full of life. They will learn how to be helpers and contribute to a community by welcoming guests, being good hosts and cleaning up.

Teaching Responsibility

When you set rules for your child and stick to those rules, you help them learn to manage their own behavior. Follow these suggestions to help them put their best foot forward:

- Establish clear boundaries and rules with your child. Explain the rules when they are relaxed and rested.
- Be consistent with your child. Be sure to decide on consequences ahead of time and enforce them each and every time.
- Celebrate your child's positive behavior and continue to be proactive. Try to understand what situations cause them to misbehave and anticipate escalated behaviors before they happen.
- Redirect your child's attention to reduce unwanted behavior. Try to establish verbal and nonverbal cues that will help guide them when it is necessary.
- Make sure your response is calm and immediate to help set an example for how to handle undesirable situations. If you yell when you are upset and stressed, your child will yell.

When you are clear, concise and consistent with your rules, your child will learn to regulate their behavior and the choices they make.

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

Today I made a crown.

I learned that some people live in castles. I designed my own crown using jewels. Now I can pretend I am a king or queen while wearing my crown.

ASK ME: Did you use anything creative?

Today I designed a road map.

A map can help you on a trip. I designed my own traveling map using road signs, paper and crayons. Now I can use a toy car to travel on the roads and follow the signs.

ASK ME: What sign is your favorite? Where are you traveling to?



Topics your child will explore this month

Habitats & Homes

Places We Live

- House 1
- Apartment 2
- RV & Hotel 3
- Houseboat 4
- Castle 5

Rooms

- 6 Door & Window
- 7 Living Room
- 8 Kitchen
- 9 Bathroom
- 10 Bedroom

Animal Homes

- Lodge & Den 16
- Web 17
- Hole 18
- Nest 19
- Hill 20

Chores

- 11 Cleaning Up
- 12 Laundry
- 13 Caring for Pets
- 14 Outdoor Chores
- 15 Welcoming Guests

RECOMMENDED READS

Cuddle Up

WITH A GOOD BOOK

Habitat Spy

by Cynthia Kieber-King

Sand, Leaf, or Coral Reef

by Patricia M. Stockland

Homes Around the World ABC

by Amanda Doering Tourville

Animal Habitats

by Dr. Tony Hare

City Homes

by Nicola Barber

It's My World Too

by Elena Pasquali



Family Activities

Call It Home

(Sing to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")



**Birds live in a nest; birds live in a nest.
That's what they call home,
Birds live in a nest.**

Follow up with additional lyrics such as "Spiders live in a web," "We live in a house," or "Grandma lives in an apartment."

