

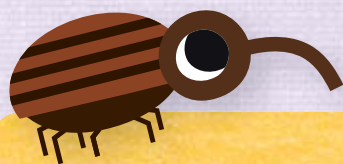
# Family Newsletter



## 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 feel familiar and fun to explore.



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



## Children and Change

As the seasons change, it's a great time to encourage children to notice changes in their surroundings. Invite your child to look for something that is different from yesterday. It may be something familiar, like the clothing we wear, or something they notice outside, such as an insect. Talking with children about the changes they notice can help them feel comfortable and supported as their world changes around them.

### Getting in Touch with Nature

Spending time with nature offers meaningful learning opportunities for children. If there are grass, trees or other natural spaces 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. Caring for plants, terrariums or bug habitats at home can offer children opportunities to care for living things and build empathy and responsibility.

Topics your child will explore this month:

# Bugs & Crawly Things

## Backyard Bugs

Ladybug 1

Spider 2

Grasshopper 3

Ant 4

Bee 5

## Bug Homes

6 Plants

7 Dirt

8 Hill

9 Web

10 Hive

## Crawly Things

Caterpillar 16

Slug 17

Beetle 18

Inchworm 19

Centipede 20

## Camouflage Bugs

11 Butterfly

12 Moth

13 Leaf Insect

14 Praying Mantis

15 Walking Stick



## RECOMMENDED READS

# Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

**Lily the Ladybug**  
by Brickmade Books

**The Ants Who Couldn't Dance**  
by Susan Rich Brooke

**The Honey Bee**  
by Kristen Hall

**Good Trick Walking Stick**  
by Sheri M. Bestor

**Ten Little Caterpillars**  
by Bill Martin Jr.

**Centipede's 100 Shoes**  
by Tony Ross



## 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)

