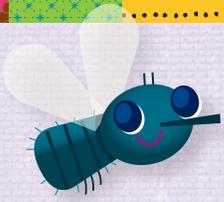




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# Family Newsletter



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.



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## 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



## Family Activities



## 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!**



## 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)