



The Penguin Newsletter

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Through this monthly newsletter, we will be highlighting the upcoming themes and activities for our little Penguins. We will be having an exciting and adventurous month through these themes:

Themes of the Month

1. In The Garden
2. Birds & Butterflies
3. The Earth
4. Insects & Spiders

Books:

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle
- In the Nest by Anna Milbourne
- Earth Day – Hooray by Stuart J. Murphy
- Quick as a Cricket by Audrey Wood
- Astronaut by Gaby Goldsack

In the Garden

This week the Penguins will be taking a lovely "stroll" through the garden. We will learn about things we see in the garden and the tools we use to make one, such as a shovel, a rake, and a watering can.

We will read some books about bugs we might see in a garden, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, and The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle.

The fun songs we will be listening to are "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" and "Two Little Blackbirds." We will talk about two very important things that it takes to make a garden grow: sunshine and rain. We will enjoy listening to "You Are My Sunshine" and "Drip, Drop, Little April Showers."

The Penguins will explore shovels and pails. They will practice putting things in and dumping them out. Also, we will fill a small bowl with water and explore with watering cans for water play! We will feel the water raining on our hands!



Parent Reminders

Please make sure that you label your child's bottles with FIRST and LAST name and date. This is a licensing requirement.

THANKS!

Please remember to sign your child IN and OUT a sign in the sheet on the door.

THANK YOU!

Feel free to email us at!

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Birds & Butterflies

The Penguins will be learning all about birds and butterflies. We see many of these creatures in the springtime.

The Infants will read some interesting books about things that we see outside! One will be called My Nest is Best by P.D. Eastman and In The Nest by Anna Milbourne. We will make whistling noises like birds and say "tweet, tweet!"

We will play a game called "Crawl for the Bird Puppet." We will encourage them to crawl and pick up a cute bird that when you squeeze it, it makes actual bird calls. We will look outside for some flying friends.

We will explore a colorful butterfly puppet and pretend to flap our own "wings."

We will listen to some songs and clap our hands to the music. We will hear "Round Robin" and "Two Little Blackbirds."

Imagination Learning Center

The Earth

The Penguins will go "green" this month learning all about our beautiful Earth! We will start the week by looking for objects in our room that are blue and green like the Earth. We will sing "Who is Wearing Green/Blue Today?" and will point out the colors. There will be some nice songs to listen to this week. We will shake our toys and clap our hands to "This Land is Your Land," "We Are All Earthlings", and "The Whole World in His Hands." We will also put on some happy music from countries all over the world.

We will listen to songs from Brazil and Africa that will be great to dance along to. To strengthen our muscles, we will pretend to be climbing a mountain by crawling up the mats.

We will also practice throwing and rolling balls to our friends.

Our teachers will make us an "ocean in a bottle" toy that we will like rolling on the floor and shaking.



Insects & Spiders

The Penguins will learn all about our "buggy" friends that live outside.

We will play with some cute puppets that our teachers will show us. One will be a bumblebee and the other, a ladybug. They will fly around the room and a silly bumblebee will try to "sting" us! We will giggle and try to catch him. We will also practice saying "buzz."

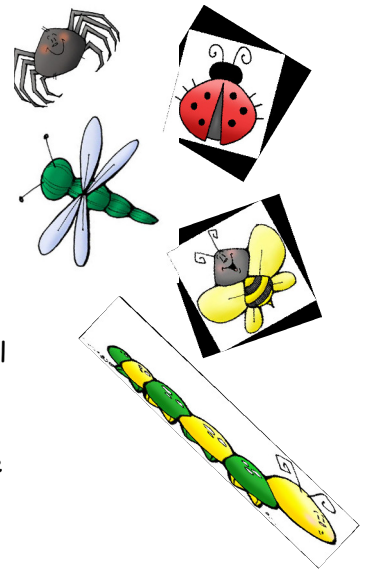
We will sing some songs about insects like the very popular "Itsy-Bitsy Spider", "Shoo-Fly", and "The Ants Go Marching."

We will have some beautiful illustrated books that our teachers read to us like Quick as a Cricket by Audrey Wood and Sally The Snail. We will enjoy looking at all of the colorful photographs.

One really fun thing we will discover are some texture bags with "snail slime" in them!

We will actually use green hair gel but we will like to smash it in our fingers and feel the gooey texture.

To work our muscles, we will practice crawling like an inchworm and flapping our butterfly wings.



Art Project: We will be engaging in messy art this month to explore and utilize new materials and textures!



The Penguins are Really Growing!



Madeline smiles in response to the smiles of others



Logan is trying to reach a toy when he is practicing tummy time!



Zoe coos and "talks" back to her teachers!



Macey is rolling over from front to back and back to front!



Sacha is pulling himself into a crawling position by rising up on his arms and drawing his knees up. He rocks back and forth!



Caden uses his pincer grasp very well to pick up his food! He is taking few steps!



Caleb started playing with his friends! He enjoys playing with Harlee!



Harlee is crawling faster and pulling up!



Cayden is walking with assistance! He loves music and watching us dance! He will have his 1st birthday on Sunday, April 29!