

# May 2024 NEWSLETTER

## Themes

#### Flower Shop

Tulips, and daffodils, and daisies, oh my! Summer is just around the corner and flowers are blooming. Have fun in a pretend play flower shop during this theme. Learn how flowers grow, engage in simple gardening, and discover caterpillars, butterflies, and other garden insects.

#### **Animals All Around**

Big and small, short and tall, scaly and furry—animals are everywhere! Children will learn fun facts about animals from all around the world. This theme also focuses on different habitats, pet care, and animal safety rules.

## **Alphabet Words**

yams, yawn, yoga, yogurt, zebra, zero, zipper, zucchini

Color/Shape	Letters/ Numbers
	Yy, Zz 19, 20

### Sign Language



## Learn with Me!

#### • Flower Match-Up

Engage your child in a flower observation activity. Begin by searching for flower clip art from the Internet. Print a few pictures of flowers that you might find in your area. Then, walk through the neighborhood and invite your child to see if they can match the flower pictures with the real flowers they find.

#### Pretend Animal Shelter

Set up a pretend animal shelter in your home with stuffed animals, pet toys, a water dish, and a toy doctor's kit. Visit with your child about pets in the family or neighborhood. How can families take care of pets when they get sick? Encourage your child to use the props and give the stuffed animals extra hugs to help them feel better quickly!

#### **My Project: Bold Butterfly**

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Watch videos about butterflies to continue learning about them.
- Talk about the shape and colors in my project.
- Attach the project near a window to resemble a real butterfly.

#### My Project: In the Wild Mask

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Take turns wearing the mask and making wild animal sounds.
- Read about wild animals.





Graphics are intended to show samples of projects. Materials may be substituted or used differently.

## **FAMILY CONNECTION**

## **Book List**

Flowers Are Calling by Rita Gray

The Night Flower: The Blooming of the Saguaro Cactus by Lara Hawthorne

**One Whole Bunch** by Mary Meyer

Mrs. Peanuckle's Flower Alphabet by Mrs. Peanuckle I Want to be a Veterinarian by Laura Driscoll Happy

by Mies van Hout

**Mindful Mr. Sloth** by Katy Hudson

Gotta Go Buffalo: A Silly Book of Fun Goodbyes by Hailey Meyers

## Songs

#### **Flowers in the Field**

Sung to "The Farmer in the Dell"

The flowers in the field, The flowers in the field, I can (skip), oh, I can (skip) Through flowers in the field.



#### Paw Prints Everywhere

Sung to "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Can you see the paw prints here? Paw prints, paw prints everywhere. They are leading through the woods, To the lake and back again. Paw prints, paw prints everywhere. So many animals live near here.



#### **Purple Pancakes**

1 egg 1 banana <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup oats <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup blueberries cooking spray



Add all ingredients in a blender and mix until it creates a nice and smooth pancake batter. Spray a frying pan or griddle with cooking spray, and heat on medium. Pour mix into the pan, making small pancakes. Cook for 1–2 minutes, flip gently, and cook for one more minute. Enjoy with fresh fruits, maple syrup, or Greek yogurt.



## Reminders