



# Sept/Oct 2022

## NEWSLETTER

### Themes

#### Hello and Goodbye

Many children will be entering new childcare settings for the first time. This theme focuses on meeting the adults who care for them as well as playing with new friends, easing transitions away from families and back, and discovering fun things to do.

#### Orchard Adventure

Enjoy the sights, scents, textures, and tastes of autumn by visiting the orchard. In this theme, children will explore apples and leaves and learn about the equipment used to harvest fruit.

#### Safety First

This theme encourages children to see firefighters, paramedics, police officers, and other emergency workers as helpers who keep them safe. Songs, rhymes, and games will help children learn basic safety practices in a fun way.

#### Wiggly Wonders

Get ready for wiggly, jiggly fun as children learn about spiders, snakes, jellyfish, and more. Children will investigate what slithers through the grass and floats deep in the ocean. Lots of wonders are hiding all around!

### Vocabulary

house, friends, orchard, pears, ambulance, firefighters, spiderweb, bats

### Colors/Shapes



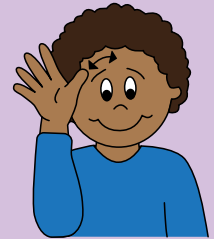
### Opposites

happy/sad

### Sign Language



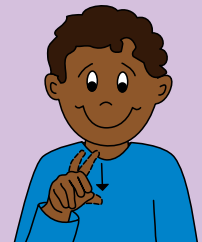
**mommy**  
With open hand,  
tap chin twice.



**daddy**  
With open hand,  
tap forehead twice.



**more**  
Bring fingertips together  
a few times.



**no**  
First two fingers close down  
to touch extended thumb.

## Learn with Me!

#### • Up and Down the Stairs

Many toddlers find joy in climbing. If your child likes to climb the stairs, take opportunities to practice it safely. Hold your child's hand as you climb the stairs together. Give your child a chance to climb as you follow closely behind. Say "up" when going up the stairs, and say "down" when going down the stairs. Practiced opportunities may deter unsafe solo explorations!

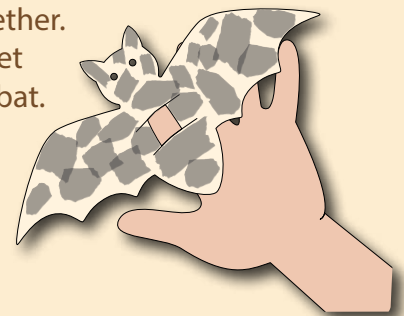
#### • Leaves Exploration

Take a walk together to observe leaves. With autumn here, you may be able to appreciate the leaves changing colors. Help your child identify the color red and the triangle shape on leaves.

#### My Project: Flying Bat Finger Puppet

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Pretend to be bats together.
- Compare the bat puppet with a picture of a real bat.
- Describe a real bat's features.



*Graphic is intended to show sample of project.  
Materials may be substituted or used differently.*

