



Preschool 3 Home Connection

January 2024



"Make Believe"

The realm of make-believe stretches before a child like an undiscovered country. Activities in this unit will lead the children's imaginations in every direction. Throughout the unit, the children frequently chart story elements and tell whether they are real or make-believe. The activities enable the children to investigate "What if?" on their own initiative, in an atmosphere where their solutions are as valid as those of any grown-up. For children to communicate what they imagine, they must express themselves through art, pantomime, creative drama, or dictated stories. In conversation, they share ideas and feelings by using descriptive words.

"Creepy Crawlies"

The fascinating world of "Creepy Crawlies" opens up its secrets for children as they explore just how these creatures live, grow, and find food. Children explore as they discover with a magnifying glass in the classroom and go on a nature walk outdoors. They experiment with the traits and behaviors of animals by making spider webs, moving like earthworms, swooping like dragonflies, and pantomiming the life cycle of butterflies. They practice classification by playing an insect-grouping game and by comparing the different insects throughout the unit. Children use their imaginations as they role-play being insects, act out both stories from books and stories they make up, move to music as they imagine insects would, draw and paint insect pictures, and make insect models and costumes. The more children learn about these creatures and how they live, the more clearly they can see the interconnections that tie all life on Earth together into one ecosystem.

Math Concept: Classification

Classification is sorting and grouping objects based on the similarities and differences of the attributes of those objects. As the children are becoming more familiar with the vocabulary and begin to understand the concepts of attributes and spatial relationships, they are ready to take what they know about similarities and differences and sort and classify materials.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Make Believe	1 Closed	2 Closed	3 	4 Spanish	5 Sack Lunch	6
7 Creepy Crawlies	8 Music Class	9 	10	11 Spanish	12 Sack Lunch	13
14 Creepy Crawlies	15 Music Class	16 Swim Room 10	17 Swim Room 5 & 7	18 Spanish	19 Sack Lunch	20
21 Creepy Crawlies	22 Music Class	23 Swim Room 10	24 Swim Room 5 & 7	25 Spanish	26 Sack Lunch	Classification Key Words being used this month: alike different not set sort classify group size shape color member same regroup
28 Creepy Crawlies	29 Music Class	30 Swim Room 10	31  			