



Family Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S THEME

Rainforest Adventure

Your child will play and learn in a rainforest filled with chattering monkeys and jumping frogs. Make a parrot puppet and teach it to sing. Dance with blue morpho butterflies, and learn about food that grows under the green canopy. Letters and numbers come to life in this eco-friendly theme that engages your children in learning.

BASICS TO REINFORCE AT HOME

LETTERS Mm, Jj and Dd

NUMBERS 5 and 6

Look for the daily notes about your child's art projects!

Today I made a rainforest collage.

A collage is a type of art that uses many different materials. I decided to use mosaic paper tiles and tissue paper to create a rainforest collage. I chose the animals I wanted to include.



Today I made a parrot puppet.

Parrots have colorful feathers. I used a paper plate, festoon and a wiggle eye to create a parrot puppet. Now I can pretend with my puppet and have it talk to other parrots.



ASK ME: What does your parrot say? How did you make your parrot's head?

★ Mother Goose Time ★

Learning How to Learn

Learning is more than counting to 10 and memorizing colors. Help your children learn how to learn with these tips:

- **If your child struggles with a concept or action, give him a hint or helping hand.** Give enough help to move him past the obstacle, but not so much that he is no longer acting or thinking independently.
- **Encourage your child to ask and answer questions.** Ask your child thought-provoking questions all day long. Ask yourself questions out loud (e.g. "I wonder what...?")
- **Ask your child to explain how and why he did or said various things.**
- **If your child shows interest in a topic, help him discover and find out more information.**
- **Celebrate a good try, even if it fails.** Give specific, honest feedback about the process and applaud effort.
- **Encourage creativity.** Provide sensory materials to encourage your child's curiosity and pique his interests.
- **Show your own excitement about learning with your child.** When your child sees that you love learning, he will develop a love of learning, too.





Topics your child will explore this month

Family Activities

RECOMMENDED READS

Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

Over in the Jungle: A Rainforest Rhyme
by Marianne Berkes

The Very Noisy Jungle
by Kathryn White and Gill Guile

The Rain Forest Book for Kids
by Linda and Al Bartholomew

If I Were a Jungle Animal
by Tom and Amanda Ellery

The Rainforest Grew All Around
by Susan K. Mitchell

Backyard Jungle

Take a walk through your backyard jungle. Search for signs of animals, insects and plant life. Try to find as many colors in nature as possible. Search your backyard for food sources for animals and people and encourage children to try some of the unique foods that are found in the rainforest as you enjoy a nature picnic together.



In the Rainforest

(Sing to the tune of "The Muffin Man")

Replace "bugs" with other animals found in the rainforest. Encourage your child to mimic that animal's movements then sing about another.

Bugs are in the rainforest,
the rainforest, the rainforest.
Bugs are in the rainforest,
How do they move?

