

Family Newsletter



THIS MONTH'S THEME

Explore the Rainforest

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.

Learning How to Learn

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

- **If your child struggles with a concept or action, give them a hint or helping hand.** Give enough help to move them past the obstacle, but not so much that they are 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 aloud (e.g. "I wonder what...?")
- **Ask your child to explain how and why they did or said various things.**
- **If your child shows interest in a topic, help them 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 their interests.
- **Show your own excitement about learning with your child.** When your child sees that you love learning, they will develop a love of learning, too.



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

Today I made a jaguar.

I learned that "jaguar" begins with the letter J. I created a jaguar using the letter J. I chose the design for its face and the patterns on its fur. It was fun using a letter in my art today!



Today I made a blue morpho butterfly.

I used blue paint and tissue paper to create my blue morpho butterfly. I decided how I wanted to design my butterfly. It was fun to use bright colors!



ASK ME: What will you do with your blue morpho butterfly? Did everyone's look the same?



Family Activities

RECOMMENDED READS

Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

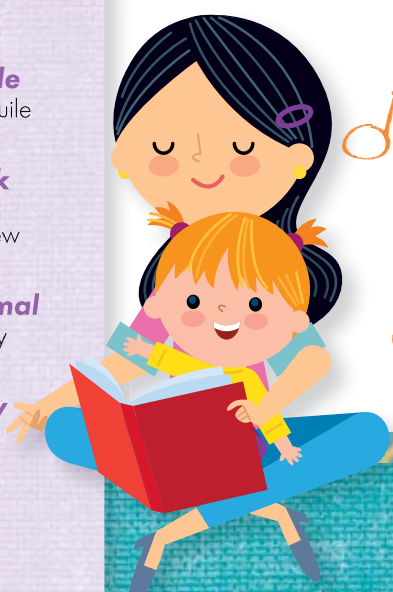
Over in the Jungle: A Rainforest Rhyme
by Marianne Berkes

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?

