

May Activity Ideas

SWAT!!!!

Your child should love this active letter or number identification game! Write letters or numbers on the attached bug cards and let your child color them. Cut the bugs out and attach them to the wall with tape or sticky tack. Give your child a bug swatter (rolled-up newspaper works great). Then say the rhyme below. At the end of the rhyme your child will swat the bug with the letter/number that you call out. I will have extra copies of the bugs or you can print them off our web page if you want more.

See the "alpha-bugs" ("number-bugs")

Sitting on the wall.

Swat the bug

With the letter I call!

From Caterpillar to Butterfly

One of the books we read during Eric Carle week was The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We learned about the life cycle of butterfly in this story. Here is a little action rhyme to let your child show you how to transform from caterpillar to a beautiful butterfly!

First, I was a tiny egg laying a leaf.

Then, I was a little caterpillar crawling along,

Munching on leaves, and getting big and strong.

I made a cocoon; then I went to sleep.

I didn't move a muscle or make a peep!

When I woke up and opened my eyes,

I was a butterfly - what a surprise!

Curl up in a ball.

Wiggle on the floor.

Hold up arms and show muscles.

Lie done with arms around body.

Lie very still.

Open eyes and stretch.

Flap arms as if they were wings.

Chick Cuisine

There are so many snack ideas with the farm theme that it can be hard to pick. At preschool this past week, you could smell pigs in the blanket cooking and here the joyous laughter and squeals of amazement while the preschoolers were making butter. In celebration of our farm theme, here is another snack for you can make at home with your little chick. Ask your child what the chicks that hatched at preschool ate. Remind them that chicks eat a lot of the same foods as they do: grains, seeds, and berries. We can both even eat insects and worms!! Put cereal, sunflower seeds, and dried fruit in bowls. Let your child spoon some of each into a cup to enjoy. They could even add a gummy worm to this chick food delight. Another idea would be to add their chick food to some yogurt for a healthy snack.