

Subject:

Living Creatures



Little Things Watching Little Things

- **I Spy A Fly.** Save the centers of **toilet paper rolls**. These will be your spy tubes. Decorate them with yarn or make an animal collage. Go on a hike and focus on the teeny weeny things.
- **Shrink The Kids.** Cut a **string** about 50 ft. (16 m.) long. Tell the kids you're shrinking them down to ant size. Have them crawl along the string. Play a guessing game and have them answer like an ant or any small creature. What's my favorite food? Sugar!
- **Creature Pit Stop.** Dig a small hole in a shady cool place outside. Put an empty **yogurt container** in it. Make a little roof with a board supported by rocks. Leave some **bait**— cookie crumbs, cheese. Go back the next day and see what's there.



Problem Alert!

Is this place bugged? I feel like someone's watching me.



Great! Maybe they'll learn something.

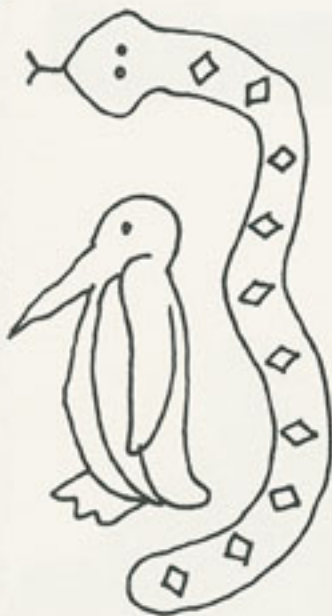


Oh, The Big Things You'd Miss!

Make an "I'd miss a _____" **bulletin board**. Have the kids draw pictures of the animals they would miss if they were to disappear. You can do this with plants as well for the next chapter.

Animal Appreciation

Lots of big people need to be reminded about the importance of all living creatures. Let each child draw a picture of a dolphin, whale, penguin, anaconda (big snake), or panda bear. They can take it home to their family and ask for help in learning more about it at the library.



Solutions To Pollution...

- **Sunflower sack.** Send home a **baggie** full of **sunflower seeds**. Ask the kids to put the seeds outside and report back to the class if the seeds disappeared. Do they know what ate them?
- **Habitat help.** Have the kids pack an empty **onion bag** or net bag with things that birds could use in their nests— **yarn**, **small sticks**, **leaves**. Put it in a steady spot on a tree branch.
- **A splash bath.** Make a wildlife bath out of a **large foil pan**.



The Best Books On Earth:

The Hungry Caterpillar (Philomel, 1987) and other titles by Eric Carle. *The Very Busy Spider* (1984), *The Very Quiet Cricket* (1990)

Keeping Minibeasts (Franklin Watts Publishing) Book titles in the series include *Ants*, *Beetles*, *Earthworms*, *Frogs*, *Spiders*, *Ladybugs* and others.

Bugwise and *Birdwise* by Pamela Hickman (Addison-Wesley, 1991 and 1988)

Hands on Nature by Jenepher Lingelbach (Vt. Inst. of Natural Science, 1987)

Kids Nature Notebook by Susan Milord (Williamson Publishing, 1989)

Eyewitness Books Series published by Alfred A. Knopf. Titles in series include *Mammal*, *Shark*, *Fish*, *Butterflies and Moths*, *Birds*. Also see *Eyewitness Junior Series*.

