



SPARKLE
TOTS PRESCHOOL
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Joy of Reading

Nursery



Yummy, Yummy, Food for the Birds!

What to prepare:

1. Pictures/Images of birds
2. Milk cartons (you may consider painting the cartons to make them easier to decorate)
3. Stationery
4. Glue
5. Small recyclables that can be used for decorating

Examples:

- Bread tags
- String
- Buttons
- Can tabs
- Paper

What we are learning:

1. Explore and experiment with lines and shapes to create a bird feeder.
2. Recognise that all living things are unique and display respect for living things he/she interacts with.

Kindle a love for animals by providing your child with an opportunity to observe and care for birds. Caring for animals at an early age develops compassion and respect for other living things.

What you can do with your child:

1. Invite your child to decorate an empty milk carton or small cereal box.
2. Use this opportunity to talk to your child about birds (the different parts of their bodies and their uses; claws, beaks, wings, eyes, etc., how birds move, where they live) You may use a picture if you have one on hand.
3. Cut out a rectangle on one side of the carton and poke holes on the top of the carton. Insert the string through them for hanging the bird feeder.
4. Place some seeds in the bird feeder and look for an appropriate place to hang it at your window.
5. Explain to your child that birds might or might not come by to enjoy some of the bird seed.
6. Discuss with your child how everyone should react if a bird decides to come to the bird feeder. Talk to your child about how people should treat birds and other animals.



Tips for parents:

Take a walk with your child and encourage him/her to look for birds in the environment. Encourage your child to observe the birds closely. Talk with your child about what the both of you observe.

Our Nature Journals!

What to prepare:

1. Paper (you may use old notebooks with empty pages)
2. Stationery
3. Glue or scotch tape
4. Camera/Handphone to take photos (optional)

What we are learning:

1. Gathering information about the world around them by exploring nature.
2. Describing what he/she sees, feels, hears and observes as you explore the environment together.

Support your child's sense of wonder by encouraging him/her to observe the environment and nature closely. Work together to document his/her observations in a nature journal while creating fun memories together.

What you can do with your child:

1. Take a walk with your child and encourage him/her to observe the environment.
2. Draw your child's attention to the different colours/textures/sounds or living things in the environment.
3. Use this opportunity to share with your child how he/she should treat other living things with love, kindness and respect.
4. Focus on one thing that captures your child's attention on that day. Talk to your child about what he/she observes. Invite your child to draw or write something about it in the journal. Assist your child to pen down his/her thoughts if he/she would like you to. (This can be done outdoors or back at home.)
5. Repeat the activity on other days and fill up the journal! You may consider sticking interesting leaves/twigs/flowers that you and your child find in the journal. (Only use those that have fallen from the plant or tree.)



Tips for parents:

Read the nature journal with your child before bed. Recap and recount things that you saw together and affirm your child by sharing with him/her how much you enjoy spending time together.