

**Dear Family,**

**In my class today** we created a huge anthill.

**Did You Know?**

- Ants are insects that make their homes beneath the Earth. A family of ants is called a colony and they live beneath the Earth. They dig many tunnels in the ground. An anthill is typically a pile of Earth, sand, pine needles, or clay, or a combination of these things and other materials, that has come out of the Earth where the ants made their entrance. Beneath the ground, the family of ants, including many worker ants, carries tiny bits of dirt and pebbles out of the hole and deposits them near the exit of the home. The material taken from the Earth is normally put at the top of the hill to prevent it from sliding back into their home.

**Ask Your Child:**

- How did you make the anthill?
- What did you use to make the anthill?
- Describe to me what your anthill looked like.
- How did you make the ants?

**Activities To Do With Your Child:**

Create this snack with your child: *"Ants on a Log"*

- Ingredients: Celery, cream cheese and/or peanut butter, raisins, and a plastic knife. Wash the celery and cut it into three-inch pieces. Spread each piece with cream cheese or peanut butter. Place raisins one after the other on top of the cream cheese or peanut butter.

**Vocabulary To Use With Your Child:** insect, ant, tunnel, habitat, huge, anthill