

Dear Family,

In my class today I made a parrot and learned about their habitat, the rainforest.

Did You Know?

- Thousands of species of birds live in the uppermost layers of the rainforest. Parrots, macaws, and toucans are the most recognizable rainforest birds. Parrots are beautifully colored birds with curved beaks. What makes the parrot unique is that it can imitate many sounds, including human speech. Therefore, sometimes people think parrots can talk, but they are really just imitating sounds in their environment.
- The top layer of the rainforest is called the emergent layer. This layer consists of the tops of the tallest trees. This is the place where the tallest trees break free from the tightly compacted branches of the canopy layer.
- The next layer of the rainforest is the canopy. These are the branches at the top of the forest. During the day, the canopy is drier and hotter than other parts of the forest. The treetops house a vast number of plants and animals, including insects, arachnids, birds, orangutans, snakes, and lizards.
- The animals that live in the canopy are specially adapted for life in the trees. Many of the animals that live here never touch the ground. They move, eat, and sleep exclusively in the canopy, and many of them use loud calls as their form of communication.

Ask Your Child:

- What is a parrot?
- Where do parrots live?
- What did you use to make the parrot?
- What is a rainforest?
- Do we have a rainforest in our neighborhood?

Activities To Do With Your Child:

- Buy some of the different foods found in the rainforest, such as: bananas, coconut, chocolate, pineapple, cashews, and macadamia nuts.
- Taste and try each of the different foods. Which ones did you like? Which ones did your child like?

Vocabulary To Use With Your Child: habitat, parrot, feather, rainforest, wings, fly