



Dear Family,

In my class today we learned about worms and composting. We used newspaper, soil, water, food scraps, and worms to create a composting bin in our classroom.

Did You Know?

- Composting happens when plant and animal products are broken down into smaller parts and recycled into new, healthy soil. Worms can be used to make compost in the classroom. Worms are natural decomposers, breaking down material into smaller pieces through digestion and creating rich soil. Plants get nutrients from the soil created by worms. Farmers often use compost to feed the plants on their farms.

Ask Your Child:

- What did the worms look like?
- Did you touch the worms?
- Where did you put the worms?
- What did you use to make a composting bin?
- What will you do with the compost when it is ready?
- What did you learn about farmers and the work they do?

Activities To Do With Your Child:

- Take a walk in your yard or neighborhood or a local park and look for worms. If you find a worm, draw a picture of it and send it to school.
- Collect some food scraps from home (fruit peels, vegetable scrapings, and coffee grounds are great items) and send them to school and your child can add them to the compost bin.

Vocabulary To Use With Your Child: farmer, worm, compost, soil, harvest, decompose