

Dear Family,

In my class today, we compared worms and slugs with insects.

Did You Know?

- Worms and slugs are not insects. All insects have six legs, two antennae, and an exoskeleton. Worms and slugs have soft bodies and no legs. They move by crawling. Worms crawl by stretching the strong muscles in their bodies. Slugs have a single foot. The foot moves the slug in motion like a wave. Worms and slugs both live in the ground. They both like moist places. Slugs can live under rocks or logs. Worms live in the soil. Worms are helpful to a garden. They eat dead and decaying plant roots and leaves. Slugs are harmful in the garden. They eat plants. Worms do not have a tongue or any teeth. Slugs have a tongue-like ribbon holding hundreds of tiny teeth.

Ask Your Child:

- Tell me something about worms and slugs that makes them alike.
- Tell me something about worms and slugs that makes them different from one another.
- Explain how worms and slugs are different from insects.

Activities To Do With Your Child:

- Take a walk outside with your child to look for insects, worms, and slugs. Talk about how they are alike and different. Discuss the different places you can find insects compared to where you would find worms and slugs.

Vocabulary To Use With Your Child:

- **worm** – an animal with a long, thin, round, or flat body with no legs.
- **slug** – a small land animal with a soft body and two tentacles with eyes.
- **insect** – a small animal with three body parts, two antennae, six legs, and a hard covering over its body.
- **examine** – to look at in a close, thorough way.
- **creature** – a living animal.
- **crawl** – to move along the ground.