

Dear Family: In class today, we learned about earthworms.

Did you know?

- Earthworms have soft bodies. This lets them breathe right through their skin.
- Earthworms can crawl, but they do not have any legs.
- Earthworms eat lots of dead roots and leaves.
- We see more earthworms in the spring because there is more rain.

Ask your child:

- Tell me about the earthworms that you saw today in class. What did they look like? How did they move?
- Describe the home that you made for your earthworms.
- Tell me why earthworms need to be in a moist area.

Vocabulary:

- earthworm – an animal with a long, thin, round, flat body. Earthworms have no legs.
- gravel – a loose mixture of small stones and sometimes sand.
- leaves – more than one leaf. A leaf is the flat part of a plant that grows from the stem.
- observe – to watch with care.
- tunnel – something dug under the ground. Tunnels are used to get from place to place.
- underground – taking place beneath the Earth.

Activity:

Go outside after a rainstorm. Look for earthworms. Get a small shovel and help your child dig up some dirt. Count the number of worms that you find. Write the number on a piece of paper. Send it to school to share.