

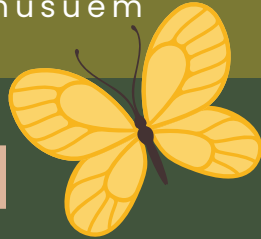
LITTLE GREEN EXPLORERS

BOMBECK FAMILY LEARNING CENTER



Thank you for all the generous donations of nature items and jars! We are excited to announce that we will be starting coaching sessions in the classrooms to implement nature learning experiences and gather valuable feedback from teachers. In addition, we are thrilled to share that an infant and toddler nature museum is on the horizon! This new initiative will provide our youngest learners with engaging opportunities to explore and connect with the natural world. Stay tuned for more details and check out pictures of the preschool nature museum [here!](#)

MIGRATION SEASON



As the leaves change color and temperatures drop, animals embark on extraordinary migration journeys to find food, warmer climates, or safe places to raise their young. Children can relate to this experience by discussing their own travel adventures. Questions like "Have you ever gone on a long trip?" foster understanding and empathy for nature. Activities such as the Bird Migration Dance, creating a migration map, and a Butterfly Obstacle Course allow kids to explore the challenges faced by migrating animals. Setting up an observation station to track animal behaviors as they prepare for winter enhances their connection to nature.

We can support migrating animals by protecting their habitats, reducing pollution, and getting involved in conservation efforts. Preserving wetlands and forests is essential for their survival, while minimizing plastic waste keeps natural areas safe. Creating wildlife corridors ensures safe passage between habitats. Participating in citizen science projects and spreading awareness about migration inspires action to protect these incredible creatures. Together, we can help safeguard the remarkable journeys of migrating animals!

SEASONAL COOKING + TASTING

Children will explore healthy eating by preparing simple snacks using seasonal fruits and vegetables, such as apples and squash. As they cook, discussions about where these foods come from and their nutritional benefits will foster an appreciation for local produce and encourage healthy choices. This hands-on experience not only teaches kids about cooking but also helps them understand the importance of eating fresh, locally sourced foods for their well-being.

BUILD A BUG HOTEL

As temperatures drop, many insects seek shelter to survive the cold months, making fall an ideal time to build a bug hotel. This safe haven for beneficial insects, such as ladybugs, bees, and butterflies, helps them hibernate and stay protected from harsh weather. By using materials like sticks, leaves, and bamboo, children can create habitats by layering these natural items in a wooden pallet or crate. This hands-on activity allows kids to observe the insects that visit, teaching them about their important roles in the ecosystem and fostering a deeper appreciation for nature.

SEED SAVING

Children can collect seeds from various plants and fruits during the fall season to label, sort, and save them for future planting, which helps maintain diverse ecosystems and contributes to food security. This engaging experience fosters a connection to nature while teaching kids about the plant life cycle, the importance of biodiversity, and sustainable gardening practices. By understanding seed saving, children learn why it is crucial to preserve plant varieties, support local wildlife, and promote sustainable food sources for their communities.

LEAVE THE LEAVES



Tip: Encourage preschoolers to leave fallen leaves on the ground instead of raking them up. Discuss how this practice provides habitats for insects and enriches the soil as the leaves decompose. Children can explore the textures, colors, and shapes of the leaves while learning about their ecological importance, fostering a deeper appreciation for nature and promoting environmental awareness.



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ULTIMATELY GROW UP TO DEFEND IT**