Exploring Nature and Wildlife:

Excite Young Children’s Curiosity in the World Around Them!

Growing Up WILD

June 19, 2010: 9am - 4pm

- 9:00-9:30 Introductions and Icebreaker
  **Grow As We Go** (participants have to find their adult or young wildlife match)
  Books: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *The Tiny Seed* both by Eric Carle; *A Monarch Butterfly’s Life* by John Himmelman; *Monarch Butterfly* by Gail Gibbons; *Butterflies* by Gallianar Jeunesse; *It’s Pumpkin Time!* by Zoe Hall; *A Robin Grows Up, A Tadpole Grows Up, A Sunflower Grows Up* all by Melvin and Gilda Berger; *Sunflower Life Cycle* by Jeff Bauer; *Chickens Aren’t The Only Ones* by Ruth Heller; *First the Egg* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger, *From Tadpole to Frog* by Wendy Pfeffer

- 9:30-10:00 First Impressions
  (chart their first impressions of different animals, painting while listening to music, paint how the music makes them feel)
  Books: *Feelings* by Aliki; *Feelings A to Z* by Sally Masteller; *The Way I Feel* by Janan Cain; *The Frog Alphabet Book*, *The Butterfly Counting Book*, *The Icky Bug Counting Book*, *The Underwater Alphabet Book*, *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book*, *The Yucky Reptile Alphabet Book* all by Jerry Pallotta; *Animals Animals; The Grouchy Ladybug; The Mixed-Up Chameleon* all by Eric Carle; *Biggest, Strongest, Fastest* by Steve Jenkins; *Bug Safari* by Bob Barner; *Big Bugs* by Seymour Simon; *Bugs, Bugs, Bugs!* by Mary Reid & Betsey Chessen

- 10:00-10:30 Looking At Leaves
  (talk about leaves, use leaves to make a picture, use senses, go outside and observe using their senses, snack taste lettuce leaves and fruit)
  Books: *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf* by Leo Buscaglia, Ph.D.; *When Autumn Comes* by Robert Maass; *Leaves* by David Ezra Stein; *Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf* by Lois Ehlert; *Autumn Leaves* by Ken Robbins; *Fall Leaves* by Mary Packard; *I Am a Leaf* by Jean Marzollo; *Colorful Leaves* by Maria Fleming; *The Leaves Are Falling One by One, The Biggest Leaf Pile, When the Leaf Blew In, Autumn’s First Leaf* all by Steve Metzger

- 10:30-10:45 Break

- 10:45-11:15 Wiggling Worms
  (look at and talk about worms, gummy worm dissection worksheet and the math component, maybe the song?)
  Books: *Wonderful Worms* by Linda Glaser

- 11:15-11:45 Fishing Fun!
  (Going on a Fishin’ Trip, pretend fishing (acting it out), talk about fish and fishing, the fishing game)
  Books: *Fish for Supper* by M.B. Goffstein; *A Good Day’s Fishing* by James Prosek; *Ten Little Fish* by Audrey & Bruce Wood; *Fidgety Fish* by Ruth Galloway; *A Fish Out of Water*
• 11:45-12:00  Hike Through The Guide

• 12:00-12:30 Lunch

• 12:30-1:00  Who Lives in a Tree?  
(talk about trees being homes, squirrel peanut race, and song, feely bags)  
Books:  *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein;  *A Tree Can Be...* by Judy Nayer;  *The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree* by Gail Gibbons;  *I Wonder Why Trees Have Leaves and Other Questions About Plants* by Andrew Charman;  *From Tree to Paper* by Wendy Davis;  *Trees to Paper* by Inez Snyder;  *The Dead Tree* by Charles Robinson;  *The Tree in the Ancient Forest* by Carol Reed-Jones

• 1:00-1:30  Tracks!  
(talk about animal tracks, sand & playdough prints, scent trails, fox and goose game)  
Books:  *Animal Tracks* by Arthur Dorros;  *The Magic School Bus Arctic Adventures*;  *The Hat* by Jan Brett;  *The Missing Mitten Mystery* by Steven Kellogg

• 1:30-2:00  Spider Web Wonders  
(talk about spiders, webs, tape-webs, match game, wrap relay race/song and snack)  
Books:  *Creepy Crawlies* by Christina Coster-Longman;  *The Eensy-Weensy Spider* by Mary Ann Hoberman;  *Outside and Inside Spiders* by Sandra Markle;  *I Wonder Why Spiders Spin Webs and Other Questions About Creepy Crawlies* by Amanda O’Neill;  *Super Spiders* by Jason Blake;  *Amazing Spiders* by Alexandra Parsons;  *The Roly-Poly Spider* by Jill Sardegna;  *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle

• 2:00-2:15 Break

• 2:15-2:45  Mini WILD Festival  
(I’m thinking 10 minutes for each of these set up in stations)  
  - *Aqua Charades*  
  (acting out different aquatic species)  
  - *Ants On Parade*  
  (the marching song and heads, abdomens, and thoraxes)  
  - *Field Study Fun*  
  (the plant art, pipe cleaners, and leaf and bark rubbings/pressings)  
Books:  *A House for Hermit Crab*, *Mister Seahorse*, both by Eric Carle;  *One Lonely Seahorse* by Saxton Freymann and Joost Eilers;  *Commotion in the Ocean* by Giles Andreae;  *Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea* by Jan Peck;  *The Ants Go Marching One by One*;  *I Can’t Say the Ant* by Polly Cameron;  *An Ant’s Day Off* by Bonny Becker;  *I See Animals Hiding* by Jim Arnosky;  *The Reason For A Flower* by Ruth Heller;  *Grow, Flower, Grow* by Lisa Bruce;  *Zinnia’s Flower Garden* by Monica Wellington

• 2:45-3:45  Activity Planning Group Work and Discussion  
(get in small groups and each person chooses an activity that they would adapt to use at their work place and then have discussion within the small groups)

• 3:45-4:00  Wrap-Up