



News from St. Anna's Room

October 2011

October Tidbits Creepy Crawlies

This month, we've been getting dirty and exploring God's creepy crawly creations! We've followed a caterpillar from egg to butterfly, and helped Eric Carle's *Very Hungry Caterpillar* to make healthful eating choices. We've suspended beautiful butterflies from our ceiling, made some sticky, spiraled spiderwebs, and caught the sun in dragonflies' wings! We've even eaten "dirt!"

We've really loved exploring live bugs in our classroom and observing their different behaviors. From Penelope the very still and quiet praying mantis, to wiggly worms in the sensory table and chirping crickets at our science table!

One of our favorite activities was watching a video of the entomologist Steven Kutcher as he explores bug footprints with paint, and then making some insect prints too! (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDm5jX7-Nh4> has a 5 minute educational clip of his work).

Wishlist

- Anything related to the ocean or sailing.

Reminders

- We will be closed on Friday, November 11 for Veteran's Day, and from Wednesday, November 23-Sunday, November 27 for Thanksgiving.
- Parent-teacher conferences are the beginning of December—look for the sign up sheet on the classroom bulletin board.
- As we approach the ever-surprising New England winter, please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for whatever the weather may bring. Now is the time to start practicing putting on all of their snow gear!

November 2011

This month we'll be learning all about sailing and the ocean!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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7	8	9	10	11 closed Veteran's Day
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21	22	23	24	25 Closed for Thanksgiving
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