



# Pride Academy Early Learning Institute Newsletter

May-Week 3

## This Week's Learning Focus

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Theme: Nature's Backyard

Shape: Circle | Color: Brown | Number: 15 | Letter: Nn

### Infants

- Engaging with nature visuals and materials through books, toys, crawling paths, and movement.
- Repeating early letter sounds (Nn) and building awareness of new words like "nest" and "nature."
- Strengthening fine and gross motor skills through reaching, crawling, and outdoor bouncing.
- Exploring natural textures such as leaves and petals in sensory trays and guided discovery baskets.

### Toddlers

- Participating in nature-themed dramatic play and sensory scavenger hunts.
- Singing and moving to the Letter N song and acting out nature animals like birds and bugs.
- Practicing size comparison with big and small leaves and building shapes with natural items.
- Identifying nature helpers like gardeners and caring for toy bugs and plants during clean-up routines.

### Preschoolers

- Developing comprehension skills through nature-themed stories such as Outside In and My Friend Earth.
- Using bug visuals and real-world items to explore number 15, circle shapes, and the color brown.
- Building gross motor coordination with bug parades, obstacle courses, and stretch games.
- Engaging in group discussions and nature talks to support vocabulary and expressive language.

## Hello Families

*This week, your child will discover the world around them through the theme Nature's Backyard. Our lessons will focus on interacting with leaves, bugs, sunshine, and soil in fun and developmentally appropriate ways. Infants and toddlers will use their senses to touch, see, and hear natural elements, while preschoolers explore these ideas in stories, math games, and expressive art.*

*At Home, You Can Continue Their Learning By:*

- Going on a nature walk and talking about what you see.
- Asking questions like, "What's your favorite thing outside?" or "What sound does a bird make?"
- Reading books that include backyard animals, plants, or outdoor scenes.
- Helping your child practice the letter Nn, number 15, and the shape circle during play.
- Encouraging movement through stretching like a tree, flapping like a bird, or crawling like a bug!

## Upcoming Events

Mother's Day  
Memorial Day  
Pre-K Graduation  
Food Pantry (Every Saturday)

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