Just for Families!

We are going to be spending a lot of time outdoors during our next unit, “Wonderful Nature.” In our immediate environment, we will explore trees, bushes, shrubs and leaves. We will also learn more about bodies of water such as streams, rivers and lakes. Turtles, frogs and freshwater fish will be the animals we will explore. Here are a few of the topics we will explore during this unit:

* Nature is All Around Us
* Exploring Leaves, Branches & Sticks
* Turtles, Frogs & Freshwater Fish
* Learning about Water Pollution
* Trees, Bushes & Shrubs
* Streams, Rivers & Lakes
* How Can We Take Care of Nature?
* What is a Park Ranger?

The following activities will help you reinforce the theme, “Wonderful Nature” at home.

During bath time:	If possible, add plastic fish, frogs or turtles to the bathtub for your child to play with during bath time.
During meals:	Serve foods that grow on trees such as apples or oranges for snack. Talk about how these foods grow.
At bedtime:	Look out the window with your child before bed. Talk about how the world goes to sleep at night.
When riding in the car:	Look for bodies of water such as streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, etc. when riding in the car.

Sing the following song with your child while going for a walk, hike or stroller ride.

THERE ARE MANY, MANY LEAVES
(tune: “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”)

There are many, many leaves
Up, up in the tall, tall trees.
Big and small and many shapes,
When the wind blows, they will shake.
There are many, many leaves
Up, up in the tall, tall trees.

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