

Parents and Guardians,

Spring is a great time to head outdoors to explore nature, and we can learn a lot from nature. We can learn about animals, plants, insects, and the earth to name just a few things. We can also practice science and math skills such as classifying and counting. Try some of the following activities at home to help your child learn more about spring. Use the provided questions to spark a discussion.

### **Outdoors**

- Take a nature walk with your child. Look, listen, and notice the things around you. What does the air smell like? Do you see any animals? What about baby animals? What sounds do you hear?
- Find books about insects at the library. Look at the pictures with your child. Do you see any insects that look familiar? Can you and your child find any of them in your backyard? Do they have spots or stripes? Does the insect fly or walk? How do you know?
- Look for flowers in your backyard. Then locate a flower book and look up what type of flower you found. Can you identify it? How many petals does it have? How many leaves? Does it smell nice?
- Lie on a blanket and stare up at the clouds. Do the cloud shapes look like anything else? Sometimes you can see animal shapes, castles, or your favorite food.

\*Note: Most of the time you will only want to look at the animals, insects, and flowers. Only touch them if you know they are safe.

### **Indoors**

- Sing a song or write a poem about spring. Some famous sayings about spring are
  - April showers bring May flowers
  - March goes in like a lion and out like a lamb.

What do these sayings mean? What other famous sayings about spring do you know?

- Learn about spring holidays. Do you know about Mother's Day or Cinco de Mayo? What other holidays happen during the spring?
- Draw or paint a picture of your favorite thing about spring.

