





Unit 20: Earth Day & Nature (Toddlers 12M–2Y)

Room: Infant/Toddler Room

Dates: May 5, 2025 - May 9, 2025

Theme: Earth Day Unit

MON 5	TUE 6	WED 7	THU 8	FRI 9
<p>Reduce Reuse Recycle</p> <p>Book: "Tree: A Peek-Through Picture Book" by Britta Teckentrup 🌳</p> <p>Objective: Trees are homes for animals and important for the Earth.</p> <p>Circle Time: 🦉 Look for animals hidden in tree illustrations.</p> <p>Activity: 👤 Fingerprint Tree — use fingerprints for leaves on a drawn tree.</p> <p>Materials:</p> <p>Paper</p> <p>Brown marker for trunk</p> <p>Finger paints</p> <p>Domain: Creative Arts (Art Expression) Bloom' s Level: Creating KY Early Learning Standard: Creative Expression - Visual Arts</p>	<p>Reduce Reuse Recycle</p> <p>Book: "Peek Inside the Garden" by Usborne Books 🌿</p> <p>Objective: Discover hidden surprises in gardens.</p> <p>Circle Time: 👁️ Peek-a-boo with pictures behind leaves/flaps.</p> <p>Activity: 🔍 Garden Sensory Bag — fill a ziplock with toy bugs, fake grass.</p> <p>Materials:</p> <p>Ziplock bags</p> <p>Hair gel (safe inside)</p> <p>Small bugs or grass pieces</p> <p>Domain: Cognitive (Sensory Exploration) Bloom' s Level: Remembering KY Early Learning Standard: Approaches to Learning - Engagement and Curiosity</p> <p>Parent Bath Time Idea:</p>	<p>Reduce Reuse Recycle</p> <p>Book: "My First Book of Recycling" by the Earth Works Group ♻️</p> <p>Objective: Recognize the action of recycling.</p> <p>Circle Time: 🛒 Show a recycling cart toy or container — pretend play recycling!</p> <p>Activity: 📦 Box Play — stack, knock down, and "reuse" big boxes.</p> <p>Materials:</p> <p>Big boxes</p> <p>Markers for decorating</p> <p>Domain: Physical Development (Large Muscle) Bloom' s Level: Applying KY Early Learning Standard: Physical Development - Gross Motor Skills</p> <p>Parent Bath Time Idea:</p>	<p>Reduce Reuse Recycle</p> <p>Book: "Baby Loves Earth!" by Jennifer Adams 🌍</p> <p>Objective: Introduce Earth-loving habits like reusing and planting.</p> <p>Circle Time: 🌸 Match colors of flowers to colored scarves or items.</p> <p>Activity: 🌺 Flower Sensory Play — water play with plastic flowers floating.</p> <p>Materials:</p> <p>Water tub</p> <p>Plastic flowers</p> <p>Domain: Language and Literacy (Early Vocabulary) Bloom' s Level: Understanding KY Early Learning Standard: Language Development - Receptive Communication</p> <p>Parent Bath Time Idea: 🛁 Float flowers and count</p>	<p>Reduce Reuse Recycle</p> <p>Book: "Thank You, Earth: A Love Letter to Our Planet" by April Pulley Sayre 🌍</p> <p>Objective: Celebrate the beauty of nature.</p> <p>Circle Time: ☀️ Thank the Earth — "Thank you for water, thank you for trees!"</p> <p>Activity: 📸 Nature Collage — glue nature items collected into a collage.</p> <p>Materials:</p> <p>Paper</p> <p>Glue</p> <p>Nature items (leaves, sticks)</p> <p>Domain: Creative Arts (Visual Arts) Bloom' s Level: Creating KY Early Learning Standard: Creative Expression - Visual Arts</p>

Parent Bath Time Idea:  Pretend your arms are tree trunks and branches in the tub!	 Hide small bath toys under a cloth — play peek-a-boo garden!	 Stack floating toys and knock them over like a "recycling tower."	them ("One flower, two flowers...").	Parent Bath Time Idea:  Say "thank you" to the water, bubbles, toys — gratitude practice!
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Books

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