

WEEK: 9**THEME: Animal Homes****LETTER: K**

Circle time: calendar, weather, sing songs, read a book, letter of the week, discussion, and craft

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| BOOK | <u>Owl Babies</u> by: Martin Waddell | <u>Bear Snores On</u> by: Karma Wilson | <u>Animal Homes</u> by: Pamela Chanko Betsey Chessen | <u>Bear Snores On</u> by: Karma Wilson | <u>Big Red Barn</u> by: Margaret Wise Brown |
| DISCUSSION | Introduce the word habitat and talk about different animal homes | Chart the different physical characteristics of animal homes | Discuss the different parts of the world that animals live (desert, rainforest, ocean) | Talk about how animals adapt to different climates | Discuss the different houses/enclosures pets live in |
| CREATIVE ART | BIRD NEST: Cut a paper plate in half and glue nature materials on it to make a bird nest. | OCEAN SCENE: Paint a paper plate with blue paint. Add ocean animal stickers or cutouts and green paper scraps for seaweed. | BEEHIVE: Cutout white paper in the shape of a beehive and cover with yellow dots (fingerprints or pencil eraser with yellow paint). | BEAR CAVE: Cutout a cave opening on one side of any box (shoebox to refrigerator box) and cover the outside with brown materials or even cotton balls for snow. | SPIDER WEB: Cutout the center of a paper plate and punch holes around the perimeter and weave yarn crisscrossed through the holes. |

HOW TO REINFORCE THE THEME

Free play: Build animal homes using Legos or blocks for toy animals, use playdough or kinetic sand to make animal homes

Math and Science : Use a magnifying glass to closely examine the materials that animal homes are made of, set out all of the animal homes you made above and printout the animals that go with each and have your child match them to the correct home

Outdoor time : Go for a walk and identify different animal homes (anthills, nests, hives, holes, webs), make your own bird nest using outdoor materials that birds use, hide "bird eggs" (plastic eggs) around the yard and search for them