

Dear Family,

Our class is beginning a science unit on animals. We will be observing and comparing four pairs of animals over the next several weeks: two kinds of fish (guppies and goldfish), two kinds of snails (water snails and land snails), two kinds of earthworms (redworms and night crawlers), and two kinds of isopods (pill bugs and sow bugs). We will learn how to handle these interesting animals carefully and will all participate in the care and feeding of our animal visitors. So be prepared; your child might come home with lots of questions and stories about animals. Visit the FOSS website for more information on our module *Animals Two by Two* (www.FOSSweb.com).

You can help your child learn about animals by taking walks in your neighborhood to look for animals and by talking about animals in and around your home—everything from pets to insects. We will be discussing differences and similarities in the structures and behaviors of the animals we investigate and starting to develop the important attitudes of respect for life and a sense of responsibility for living organisms.



If you are interested in seeing how we introduce animals in our class, please come by for a visit. The children will be more than happy to share their enthusiasm for life.

Sincerely, _____