

Nature Surprises for Kids

Jan: Tricia Boyd Topic: “Birds that come and birds that go in your garden”. Students will learn about migration of birds and the importance birds are to the garden. Students will be able to make and take home feeding stations for the birds that winter in Virginia.

Feb. Russ Watkins: Topic “Bird Feeding in the Winter” PowerPoint presentation on how birds feed in the winter landscape and how you can help the birds over the winter. The students will be able to see how to build a bird feeder and build and take home a small bird feeder.

March. Mary Turner: Topic “Nests and Dens.” Learn how birds build their nests and what natural materials they use. Students will then try to build their own nest with the same materials used by birds.

April Angie Hutchinson: Topic “What’s Blooming?” Students will discover all the plants and flowers that are blooming outside. Learn the names and see how they grow. Students will be able to take home a plant and set it in their garden and watch it grow.

May Ginny Smith : Topic “Lets grow in the house” Students will be shown how to start seeds in the house, as well as outside. Each student will get their own mini ‘greenhouse’ and be able to plant seeds to take home.

June Helen Lake: Topic “Pollinators all around you” Students will learn about the special relationships pollinators have in the garden and environment. Bee Friendly!

July Mary Turner: Topic “Frogs and Toads, Oh My!” Students will learn all about Virginia’s amphibians. Students may be able to check out the library pond to see if they can find them.

August Bob Gail: Topic “Water Busters, What ya gonna do?” Students will learn the importance of water and how to protect the ponds and streams.

September Lynn Hoffmann: Topic “Leave room in the woods for the Fairies to dance”. Do you believe in fairies or maybe Leprechauns? Build a fairy house in the natural spaces around the pond. Use only natural items to help the fairies and wee ones come visit the pond.

October Angie Hutchinson: Topic “Seeds and Weeds, Oh my!” Explore the pond and partake in a nature walk to see all the gifts the plants provide to nature in the fall. Learn how to build a bee house and take one home to hang in a natural area.

November Mary Turner: Topic “Trees and leaves and what names do they have?” Students will be able to take a walk around the library and name all the trees and pick up leaves to make something special to take home.

December Lynn Hoffmann: Topic “Gourd ornaments “Learn how a little seed can grow into a great gourd that can be turned into a special ornament. The ornament can be used on a Christmas tree or make one for the birds to enjoy all winter.