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Weekly Themes

Fall 2016

WEEK:	DATES:	THEME:
Week 1	Sept. 13-16	Brilliant Bears: What makes bears brilliant? Join us as we explore the forest and learn about these magnificent mammals!
Week 2	Sept. 20-22	Carnivore/Herbivore/Omnivore: What do you like to eat? Do you eat the same things as animals that live in the forest? Let's explore as we find out who eats what? (Or Who?)
Week 3	Sept. 27-30	Migration Madness: What is migration? Who migrates? Learn about why migration happens every year, and what you can do to help these creatures.
Week 4	Oct. 4-7	Colors of Fall: Look around you this week- did you notice something changing? Take a walk through our forest as we observe the colors taking over the Arboretum.
Week 5	Oct. 11-14	Nocturnal Animals: When we go to sleep others are just waking up. Children will learn about different nocturnal creatures and how they survive.
Week 6	Oct. 18-20	Wonderful Wolves: Celebrate National Wolf Week as we learn about these creatures and become a pack of wolves.
Week 7	Oct. 25-28	Pumpkin Life Cycle: Where does the strange orange melon come from and what happens after we carve it?

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		This and more just in time for the spooky holiday!
Week 8	Nov. 1-4	Nuts & Berries: Nature provides us and many other animals' food for survival. Explore the Arboretum for fruit-bearing trees and plants while learning a thing or two!
Week 9	Nov. 8-11	The Three Sisters: Have you ever been to a farm? Today, learn about how the first farmers of the Garden State kept their soil healthy by planting three special plants.
Week 10	Nov. 15-18	Lenape Life: Imagine life without grocery stores or cars! We will discuss local Lenape life and traditions while learning shelter building skills.
Week 11	Nov. 22 (No Fri Class)	"Giving Thanks": Nature gives us many things to be thankful for. Learn the important connection between plants & animals for a day of thankfulness.
Week 12	Nov. 29- Dec. 2	Delightful Decomposers: Now that the leaves have fallen, take a look underneath to find out what critters are turning the leaves into healthy soil for the Spring!
Week 13	Dec. 6-9	Magnificent Mushrooms: Do you like to eat mushrooms? Learn how mushrooms grow, what they do in the forest and make your own mushroom house.
Week 14	Dec. 13-16	Evergreen Trees: Have you noticed that, even though leaves have fallen, there are still trees that are green?! Find out why these trees stay green all year long and what they are doing while they are green.