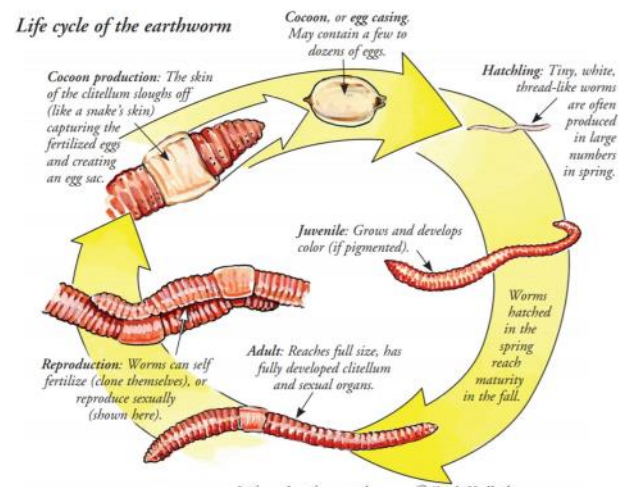


Are you all staying warm? What about the worms? As the winter gets colder (BRRRR) and we all bundle up more, make sure to check in on our wiggly friends!

If you peek into the bin, what do you see? Do you see any castings? Castings looks like dirt. If you see lots that means that your worms are working hard!

Do you see any small light coloured spheres? These are eggs or cocoons. Worms will only lay eggs when they are happy and healthy, so good job keeping them happy! Worms will form cocoons where their babies will hatch from. They start out a very light colour, but darken to a dark brown until the baby worms emerge! It can take from 30-75 days for the worms to emerge from the cocoons. Baby worms look very different to grown up worms, because they are so tiny! Baby worms are white, no longer than half an inch and no thicker than four human hairs combined! Baby worms will become adults in 2 and a half to 3 months, then they can lay eggs and the cycle continues! Red Wigglers can live from 1 to 3 years, but some have lived as long as 8 years when they are protected from predators in the worm bin. Worms are very smart, and they will stop laying eggs when the container they live in has enough worms for its size.

Wiggles Giggles
What did the mother
worm say to the worm
who was late?
(see below for answer)



Fast Facts!

Worms do not have lungs! They don't have noses, and they can't breathe through their mouths. Instead worms breathe using their skin. This is why the worm bin should be damp, because if the worms dry out they will suffocate!

If your worms can lay eggs when they are three months old, and it take 75 days for the worm to hatch, how many generations could live in your bin by May?

A: Where in
earth have you
been!

Send any questions, art or inquiries to:
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Crafting Corner—Styrofoam Prints!

Supplies

- Styrofoam trays
 - Washable markers
 - A pen or pencil
 - Construction paper
 - Spray bottle or sponge
1. Using the pencil/pen, draw a simple picture or design on the Styrofoam tray. Once you have the picture how you would like it, press the pencil down to indent all the lines.
 2. Using the markers fill in the spaces left between the indented lines.
 3. Using the spray bottle or sponge dampen the construction paper.
 4. Take the tray, and place it, coloured side down, on top of the paper.
 5. Rub your hand gently across the back of the tray to help the colour transfer.
 6. Peel the tray off and reveal your print!



Recycled Toy Drive

We all have some belongings that we just don't use anymore. Some of those things could make another person very happy, even if you haven't used it in years! This winter we are asking you to donate a gently used toy to help make someone's holiday bright!

What kind of toys should I donate?

Toys for donation should have all pieces included, be in working order, and be in good physical condition with little surface damage.

How to donate a toy?

Before donating toy—Gather all the pieces, make sure it is working, clean the toy with a damp cloth.

Collect the toys at your school and then let us know and we will come and pick them up to be donated!

Important Dates
November 8th: Aboriginal Veterans Day
November 9th: World Science Day for Peace and Development
November 11th: Remembrance Day
November 13th: World Kindness Day
November 20th-26th: National Bullying Prevention Week