

Making the Grade: School Program Menu for Preschool 2025-2026



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The following is a list of presentations offered to preschool classes in Jasper County. This is not a complete list, and for other options or questions about a program, please contact the naturalists. We work with teachers to fit our programming with their curriculum!

- All programs are free and materials will be provided unless otherwise noted.
- Please limit your selection to a total of 3 programs during the school year, including field trips
- Please call or email at the beginning of the school year to guarantee your desired day and time.
- Plan for 20-30 minutes per program.
- Have your students come up with a list of questions for the naturalists before the scheduled program time.
- Please plan to sit with your class and enjoy the presentation along with them!

Sense of Discovery

We'll explore around the school building (outside and/or inside), learning how to use our senses to fully experience all nature has to offer. Topics discussed include changes in season, animals, colors and shapes. This program is also offered as a field trip at Mariposa Park or Jacob Krumm Nature Preserve.



Insect Safari

Discover how insects are different from other animals and take an up-close look at a few. This program can be about a certain type of insect (butterflies, bees, ants, ladybugs, etc.) or about insects in general.

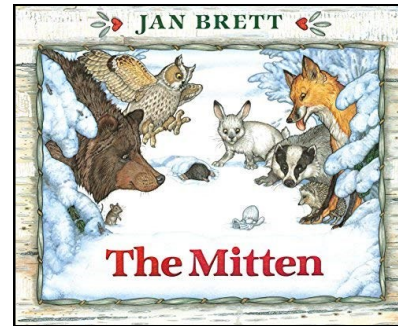
The Tiny Seed

This book by Eric Carle will be read to the class. Students will dramatize a "growing plant," brainstorm what plants need to live, and understand how plants are important for wildlife as food and shelter. The naturalist will bring different types of seeds to study and students will explore why and how they travel.



The Mitten

The story by Jan Brett will be read to the class and students will re-tell the story using animal puppets and movement. They will learn a fun mitten song and game, and discover where animals really do spend the winter!



Time to Wake Up!

Is spring just around the corner, or will we have more winter weather come our way? Learn about animals that hibernate and what they do when they WAKE UP!



Eggciting Eggs!

We'll read "Chickens Aren't the Only Ones" and make discoveries about which babies hatch from eggs. Our box turtle, Franklin, will come along for a visit and share how his life began from an egg!



Possum and the Peeper

Who is this mysterious Peeper, and will Possum ever find him? This program will get children hopping for spring: learning about frogs, listening to different frog songs and taking part in some fun frog activities!

