

Homes and Habitats

Week of December 1st

- Take a hike or find some woods to play in. Can you find birds' nests? Can you find other places that might be good dens or burrows for different animals? You can also take a walk around your neighborhood. Which houses look like your? Why? How are some different?
- Draw a picture of your house and everyone who lives with you. Who or what would you like to live with you in your house?
- Watch a video of Mrs. McIntosh and her daughter, Alivia, talking about [A hamster's habitat](#).
- Make a list of all the things our homes need heat, water, food, etc. Then discuss some of the things our homes might have that we enjoy but don't need a piano, garage, pet, etc. Start a discussion about needs, wants, and luxury.
- Build a house or habitat using different materials, blocks, legos, couch cushions, snow. Who is your house/habitat for? What does your house/habitat need? What do you want in your house/habitat?
- Crawl under a sheet and pretend you are lost in a cave.
- Play an animal guessing game. Ex.- I live in a tree. I bury nuts in the fall. I have a big fluffy tail...I'm a?
- "H" is for House craft. Print out the template to make your own house. (For younger children cut out shapes for them to use for the windows, doors, roof, etc. Older children can cut out their own.)
<https://crystalandcomp.com/h-is-for-house-a-letter-of-the-week-preschool-craft/>
- [A House for Hermit Crab](#) by Eric Carle read by Mrs. McIntosh
- [The Napping House](#) by Audrey Wood read by Mrs. Cohoon
- [Jack's House](#) by Karen Magnuson Bell read by Mrs. Cohoon
- [Why Do Animals Hibernate?](#) By David Marin read by Mrs. McIntosh
- [Houses and Homes](#) By Ann Morris read by Mrs. Remus
- [Animals in Fall](#) by Melvin & Gilda Berger read by Mrs. Remus(with visiting guest Lily the dog)

Vocabulary: habitat, hamster, needs, wants, luxury, den, burrow, walls, windows, roof, door, hibernate, home