

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Our early childhood programs are specifically developed for children ages 3-5 and aligned with the Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards. Choose from two formats to meet the needs of your students. Our **Early Childhood Live Animal Programs** are presented in a circle time-style and feature live animals from our Wildlife Sanctuary. Our **Early Childhood Hands-On Programs** bring STEAM topics to life with their engaging center-style format. Every program is designed to spark curiosity, introduce new vocabulary, and make learning fun for our youngest learners.

LIVE ANIMAL PROGRAMS

Captivate your class with a program featuring live animals from our Wildlife Sanctuary. Students will meet different animals and be encouraged to notice and wonder, just like a scientist.

MEET THE ANIMALS

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, COGNITION

Welcome live animals from our Wildlife Sanctuary into your classroom.

Investigate the similarities and differences between different animals like a mammal, a reptile, an amphibian, or an insect.

ENCOUNTERING DRAGONS

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, COGNITION

Leaping lizards! Come face to face with living dragons while learning all about reptiles.

FURRY FRIENDS

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, COGNITION

Meet our furry mammal friends and discover the special characteristics that help them live in the wild.

SOMETHING FROGGY

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, COGNITION

Hop to it! Learn all about frogs and other amphibians and their unique life cycles.



TURTLES, TORTOISES, AND TERRAPINS

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, COGNITION

Say shell-o to some slow-moving friends! Compare and contrast different turtles and tortoises while exploring their adaptations and habitats.

NEW

FUR, SCALES, OR SKIN

SCIENCE, LANGUAGE, COGNITION

Investigate different animal body coverings by meeting a variety of animal ambassadors.

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HANDS-ON PROGRAMS

Bring the Museum's unique resources to your classroom. Each of our hands-on programs are designed with multiple activity stations to allow students to explore, investigate, and experiment.

INSECT INVESTIGATORS 🐾

SCIENCE, LANGUAGE, COGNITION

Get out your magnifying glasses and investigate all kinds of insects and other invertebrates. Observe some six-legged friends, learn about their different body parts, explore their lifecycles, and more!

COLOR PLAY 🐾

SCIENCE, CREATIVE ARTS, COGNITION

Explore and experiment with color using a variety of materials. Mix, match, and make discoveries.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, COGNITION

Design, build, and test over and over again in this engineering exploration. From bridges to bird nests, students will be challenged to see the different ways people and animals build.

WE LIKE TO MOVE IT!

SCIENCE, LANGUAGE, COGNITION

Investigate energy, force, and motion! Does it slide, roll, or stay put? Use a variety of ramps to experiment with the concepts of movement and motion.

FROM SEED TO PLANT

SCIENCE, LANGUAGE, COGNITION

Follow a plant's lifecycle from seed to seed. Learn all about plants, their seeds and how they grow.



MOON'S MYSTERIES

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, COGNITION

Learn all about the Moon, why it seems to change, and what we know about Earth's nearest neighbor.

STARRY SAFARI 🐾

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, COGNITION

Take a special tour of creature constellations from around the world in our portable planetarium. Hear the amazing tales people told about how those animals were placed in the night sky. Bring a constellation to life and meet a live animal from our wildlife sanctuary.

*See page 10 for requirements of STARLAB Planetarium



This symbol indicates live animal(s) are used in program.

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IT'S ALIVE

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, COGNITION

Examine differences between living things and non-living things through hands-on discovery and observation of live plants and animals.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, COGNITION

Through an interactive show with live animals, learn how animal families are similar and how they differ.

FROM SEED TO SEED

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, COGNITION

What is a stem, branch, root? What is a seed and what goes on inside it?

POLLINATION

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, COGNITION

What is pollination and who are the pollinators?

OUR WATERY WORLD

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, COGNITION

Water is amazing! Learn about all the fascinating forms it comes in.

ANIMALS ON THE MOVE

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, COGNITION

Living things move in many different ways. Find out about fins, wings, and animal movements!

LITTLE SPROUTS- CHANGING SEASONS

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, COGNITION

How do plants and animals deal with the changing seasons? Choose an individual seasonal program or create a series with all three!

- What's Up with Fall?
- Frozen
- Spring Picnic

