

Dear Parent:

Your child is now working on a science unit entitled Meet the Creatures.

Meet the Creatures stimulates children to ask questions about the observable behavior of an unfamiliar insect, mealworms, and then directs them to ways of finding answers to those questions.

Mealworms are clean, odorless and require practically no care, so they are excellent for experimentation.

In their attempt to solve these problems, the pupils ask questions, devise experiments, isolate and control variables, observe, measure, make charts, keep records, design and build equipment, predict, and draw conclusions. This process of investigation is the most important thing that children will learn from this unit. An advantage of using mealworms is that pupils must rely on their own evidence, since little information on mealworms is available. Humane treatment of animals is stressed throughout this unit.

Most of the investigations are done at school, but follow-up experimentation at home is sometimes desirable or necessary. Therefore, we are planning to give your child his/her own mealworms which he/she may take home. However, this can only be allowed if written permission is given. If you give your child consent to bringing their mealworms home, please sign the lower portion of this letter and return it to school with your child.

Your encouragement of your child's experimentation with mealworms in your home should be a satisfying experience for both you and your child.

Sincerely,

Ms. Will

6/18/13

*Summer
School*

_____ has my permission to
bring mealworms home for experimentation.

Signature of Parent/Guardian