This month we will discuss “Baby Animals” and our children will be exposed to a variety of activities where they will develop their muscles by bending knees and crawling slowly like a turtle. We will also learn how a frog jumps from pad to pad, move their arms in short movements to side to side. We will create a stamp figure using a potato, also make a Ziploc bag with power paint and shake with both hands to create motions up-and-down. In home you could run with your child to follow and kick a ball.

Our children will continue to practice their fine motor skills by painting cut out animal’s shapes, they will use brushes to practice back and forth movements and create art. They will also grasp small pieces of green and yellow shapes to create a collage in a turtle’s shell, and pick out baby animal’s pictures to create a collage. At home, encourage your child to use his/her thumb and index finger to pick up items.

Our toddlers will be exposed to a variety of books, pictures, and magazines that relate to the topic of where they live, how their parents care for them, and what they eat. They will also pretend to play animal nursery to care and feed baby animals. At home go out with your child to bird watch and listen for their sounds.

The children will practice “Manners” when they want to play with a toy that another child has. They need to use the magic word “Please” to obtain a toy and the teacher will encourage them to practice this by collecting four of their favorite toys and placing them in front of them and encouraging them to ask each other for one by saying “please”.

Our children will practice brushing their teeth by taking the brush by the handle and encouraging them as a game to tickle each tooth with their toothbrush while leaving their mouth open. At home continue encouraging your child to brush his/her teeth.

### Vocabulary
- Baby/Bebe
- Mom/Mama
- Caress/Acariciar
- Feed/Alimentar
- Home/Casa
- Care For/Cuidar

### Books
- Animal Homes
- Scholastic
- Me Gusta Cuando
- Mary Murphy
- Crías de Animales
- Rourke Publishing
- Rhinoceros’ Bathtime
- Smithsonian Institution
- Animal Babies in Polar Lands
- Kingfisher
- Turtle Song
- John Archambault

### Songs/Fingerplays
- “Samba”
- “Five Frogs”
- “Five Little Monkeys”
- “The Chicks”
- “Five Little Ducks”