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## Rockledge Gardens

Learning Stations

#### Wings of Wonder

Visit our butterfly enclosure and try to find all the different stages of a butterfly's life cycle.

Egg, Larvae (Caterpillar), Chrysalis and Butterfly.

Watch how the butterflies drink nectar from the flowers.

Read your worksheet to learn other ways to attract butterflies to your garden.

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#### Club House

The Little Bugs Club area is where we learn about nature and have fun with friends.

We discuss topics that encourage an appreciation of nature in our own backyards!

Visit our website for more information about joining our Little Bugs Club

3 Bats!

This bat house offers a refuge to encourage our wingedmammal friends to stick around and eat mosquitoes!

Bats use a process of echolocation to find their food.

Practice "being a bat" by playing the echolocation game on your Little Bugs worksheet!

#### Grow What You Eat!

More and more families are growing food in their backyards. On your way to the Sunflower station, take a walk through the food forest garden.

What do you see growing?

Do you spot any bananas? pineapples? passion fruit? cherries? watermelon? sunflowers?

Now, find the Sunflower station and plant your own sunflower!

Track its progress on your worksheet

#### Florida Farming

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From garden to grocery, plants are our number one food source.

Our climate is ideal for growing a variety of crops for most of the year!

Learn what fruits and vegetables are in season by visiting our farmers market where we sell locally grown fruit and veges all year long!

Don't forget to peek behind the farmer's market to and see our new U-Pick Farm.

Use your worksheet to learn how you can use herbs to make your own relaxing, potpourri satchel at home.

#### 6 Wetland Wonders

Wetlands are one of Florida's most valuable natural resources, yet they are quickly disappearing.

Look closely at the ponds and water gardens and see how many living creatures you can find.

Plants? Tadpoles? Snails? Mosquito Larvae? Minnows? Koi fish?

These critters provide many benefits to our ecosystem and help keep our water clean.



Head into the greenhouse to find some interesting tropical plants.

These plants like warm climates, and are perfect to grow inside your home!

Which plants do you like the best? Can you find all the ones from your worksheet?

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