

# WEEK 12

## CREATURES IN THE GARDEN



### LESSON PLAN INFORMATION

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#### **Activity:** Gardening Tasks

Fill in your plant growth chart one last time!



Have you noticed any changes with your plant? Can you see any signs of growth?

*Make sure to water your plant and don't let the soil get too dry or wet!*

#### **Harvest Chives:**

To harvest the chives cut the leaves down within 1 to 2 inches of soil. The flowers are also edible and taste best just after they opened.





## RECIPE:

### Mashed Potatoes and Chives

#### Ingredients:

- 10 Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and chopped into cubes
- 1 cup milk
- ¼ cup unsalted butter
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped chives
- Salt and ground pepper for seasoning

#### Method:

1. Put the cut potatoes into a large pot, cover them with cold water, and add a large pinch of salt.
2. Bring to a boil and simmer until the potatoes are fork tender, about 20 to 30 minutes. Drain.
3. Add in the milk, butter, and garlic. Mash using a potato masher until the potatoes are fluffy. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Fold in the chives. Serve immediately.



## ACTIVITY: Pollinators



Pollinators play an important role in the environment. Many insects act as pollinators, including butterflies and moths. In this activity we will be making the lifecycle of a butterfly using pasta.

### You will need:

1. A small amount of rice, fusilli, shell pasta, and bow tie pasta
2. Paper
3. Glue
4. Marker, pen, or pencil

### How to make it:

1. Use glue to attach pieces of pasta to the paper, to represent the different stages of the butterfly life cycle.
2. Label each stage of the life cycle.
3. Butterflies lay their eggs on leaves. Use rice to represent the eggs.
4. When the eggs hatch, out comes a caterpillar. The caterpillar eats and eats until it forms itself into a chrysalis. Use fusilli pasta to represent a caterpillar (larva).
5. Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar is changing into a butterfly.
6. A butterfly emerges from the chrysalis.
7. Tip: Use bow tie pasta to represent a butterfly.