



Happy Earth Day everyone!! Thank you so much for your lovely posters! They will be on display at the Prince George Public Library for two whole weeks! So be sure to go see all the posters that are on display. And while your there, maybe take some books out on worms and composting! Some of my favorites are, Richard Scarry's The adventures of Lowly Worm By Richard Scarry, Ned's new home by Kevin Tseng and The compost heap by Sharon Katz Cooper.

A tale for the wormy hearted.

One day in April, two little girls named Isabella and Lily went for a drive with their dad.

“Dad, where are we going?” asked Lily.

“To a farm” dad replied

“Why are we going to a smelly farm?!” exclaimed Isabella

“Because today is Earth day” he replied.

“What is Earth day?” asked Lily.

“Earth day is a day when we must see nature and the earth for what it really is, and how much it does for us so we can give back to it.”

Just then, they pulled up to a driveway that had a sign that read “Greenhouses and worm farm.”

“Worm farm?!?!” the girls in the back seat screamed.

Dad didn't reply, but laughed instead as he parked. The girls filed out of the car, dreading the upcoming experience they were about to have. A cheery lady greeted them at the door.

“Hi, I'm Gretchen, and welcome to my worm farm! And a very happy Earth day to all of you.”

There were lots of other kids around, digging in dirt, planting seeds in cups and playing with... WORMS!



Would you like to see my worm friends' girls?” Gretchen chimed.

They looked at each other...then to their dad, then back to Gretchen.

“We don't like worms.” Said Lily

“Oh, well that's alright, how about we do some crafts?”

The girls had a blast; they planted tomato seedlings, made recycled crafts and learned all about Earth day. And when they had finished all the 'green' projects, they were faced with the worms again. They approached Gretchen and asked, “May we please see the worms?”

Gretchen opened up a plastic bin and told the girls to dig with a hand rake until they saw them. The girls were skeptical at first. Once they did some digging, they started getting used to seeing them. Isabella, then Lily, then dared to hold a worm, it wriggled in their hands, and it tickled a lot! Then they even held bunch of worms! As they played with the squirmy little creatures, Gretchen told them all about vermicomposting, worm life cycles and how to keep them happy and making nutrient rich compost.

“Maybe worms aren't so bad!” The girls said.

The girls learned a valuable lesson about the environment and worms that they will never forget.

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