

Hello, and welcome back to another exciting school year. While all of the worms have enjoyed their time at the REAPS garden this summer, meeting everyone who stopped by to say hello, they are wiggling with joy at the thought of going on a winter holiday to a different classroom and making new friends once there. Have fears about the thought of playing host to these slippery guests? Don't worry, having a vermicomposter in your classroom is fun for the everyone!

Adopt~a~Worm

Welcome back to any returning worm hosts, and a warm welcome to any new hosts. If you are worried about setting up a home for 1 pound of red wiggler worms do not fret. Upon registration REAPS will provide you with:

- 1 bin
- 1 pound of red wiggler worms
- one year subscription to Castings
- 1 hour presentation to your class
- support

The only thing you will have to provide is a warm classroom, and nice soft bed for your worms (explained in the column to the right). The food and care for your worms will be provided from your students

Interested in hosting some loveable guests? Contact REAPS at 250-561-7327 or thewormlady@reaps.org

Register quickly as the number of worm bins are limited!



The Worm's Home

What sorts of things will make your worm feel right at home? **One** - lots of good food. Worms love fruits, vegetables, egg shells, coffee grounds and tea bags. Dairy, meat and oils make them sick, so make sure that those items do not end up as part of their meal.

Two - a nice wet bed. Before the worms arrive make up a bedding of moist shredded newspaper (or paper) and two handfuls of sand. You can make sure their bed stays in perfect worm shape by misting water to ensure the bed stays as moist as a wrung out sponge and lifting the bedding once a week to loosen things up and keep the air flowing.

Making sure your worms have a perfect home will lead to happy worms.

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