

Happy Valentine's Day from everyone here at REAPS! Your worms greatly appreciate all of the effort you have put into caring for them these last few months. Don't forget to tell your worm friends what a great job they are doing eating your class lunch scraps! If you have questions or concerns about your worm bin, send us an email. We would be happy to pop in for an emergency check up!

Heart to Heart

Do worms have a heart? Yes, in fact they have 5 pairs! Although they do not look like our hearts and are tiny in comparison, they work just as hard. They are in the shapes of small sacs that surround their esophagus (throat). They need so many to pump blood all the way through their long skinny bodies. Take a close look at your worms and see if you can spot some of these other external features:

prostomium: It is a small flap of tissue that covers the mouth. It is kind of like a top lip when the worm is feeding and helps them feel their way through the soil as they lack eyes, ears and a nose

Here are some jokes you can tell your worm friends for a good laugh!

What do you call it when worms take over the world?

Global Worming!

What did the woodworm say to the chair?

It's been nice gnawing you!

segments: If you look closely, you will see a lot of little rings across a worm's body.

When they are all grown up, they can have up to 170 segments. How many does your worm have?

clitellum: This is the large white-orange segment. It secretes the cocoons in which eggs grow.

setae: Worms are not bald! If you take out a magnifying glass, you will see these tiny hair-like bristles on each segment. These help the worm to move



How can you tell which end of a worm is which?

Tickle it in the middle and see which end laughs!

Why do worms taste like chewing gum?

Because they're wrigleys!

Why did the sparrow go to the library?

It was looking for bookworms!

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