

**Hello!** We here at R.E.A.P.S. would like to thank all of our worm sitters for the winter. By now our little worm friends will be feeling right at home in your classrooms. This means that baby worms will soon be on their way. Look for the cocoons and little wigglers. Keep the moms and dads happy by keeping their bedding moist like a wrung out sponge, fluffing the bedding once a week and feeding them a variety of foods. Remember though, the worms can't have meats, dairy or oils and no Halloween candy. If you have happy worms, you should expect to see baby wigglers in no time. The Worm Lady will be by this month to help you keep them happy. Happy Vermicomposting!

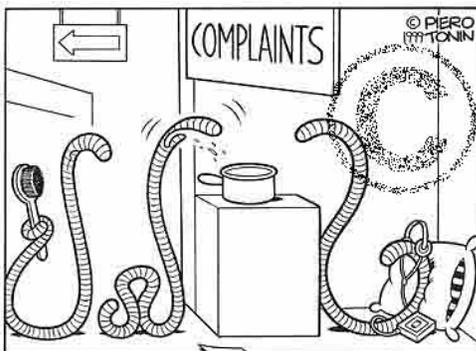
## Babies, Babies, Babies!!!

Ever seen a baby worm before? Now is your chance. Now that the worms have been in your classrooms for a while and are comfortable with their new homes, they are looking to expand their families.



Worm babies come from cocoons. The cocoons are tiny yellowish oval shaped objects. An adult red wiggler can produce 2-3 cocoons per week and it takes about 4 weeks for the babies to hatch. The babies are about 1 cm in length and white in colour.

You can collect the cocoons and observe them until they hatch. To do this, first you must find a cocoon from the bin. Place it in a shallow dish that has been lined with a moist paper towel. Cover it with another moist paper towel and a lid. Remember to keep the towels moist so the cocoons don't dry out. Also, place a few grains of oatmeal in the dish so that the new babies have something to eat. Put the babies back in the bin when you are done observing them.



You know what they say Mum:  
The early bird catches the worm! So I'm sleeping in...

## Worms in Dirt Dessert



### Ingredients

- 2 packages of chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 package of gummy worms
- 16 oreo cookies, crumbled or blended

### Instructions

1. Follow steps for making pudding.
2. Pour pudding into plastic pail.
3. Add cookie crumbs to pudding in layers to make it gritty like dirt.
4. Chill until set.
5. Add candy worms and more cookie crumbs to the surface. Allow worms to peak out of the "dirt".
6. Add artificial flowers for decoration.

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