

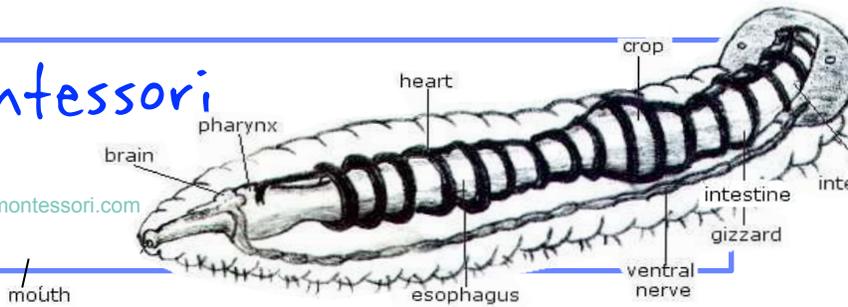


# Small Planet Montessori

education for a peaceful planet

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## Squirmy Worm Facts

- ❁ A worm has no arms, legs or eyes
- ❁ There are about 2,700 different kinds of worm
- ❁ Worms live where there is food, moisture, oxygen, and a favorable temperature. If not, they go somewhere else.
- ❁ In one acre of land, there can be more than a million worms.
- ❁ The largest earthworm ever found was in South Africa and measured 22 feet from its nose to the tip of its tail.
- ❁ Worms tunnel deeply and bring subsoil closer to the surface mixing it with the topsoil. Slime, a secretion of earthworms, contains nitrogen. Nitrogen is an important nutrient for plants.
- ❁ Charles Darwin spent 39 years studying earthworms more than 100 years ago.
- ❁ Worms are cold-blooded animals.
- ❁ Worms can grow a new tail (Pygidium), but not a new head (Postoranium).
- ❁ Baby worms hatch from cocoons smaller than a grain of rice.
- ❁ The Australian Gippsland Earthworm grows to 12 feet long and can weigh 1-1/2 pounds.
- ❁ Although eyeless, worms can sense light, especially at their front end.
- ❁ If a worm's skin dries out, it will die.
- ❁ Worms can eat their weight each day.

source:

[www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/worms/facts/index.html](http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/worms/facts/index.html)

## Dear Parents,

Welcome all new students to Small Planet and welcome back to all returning students. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and are ready to see what's new at school, to work hard, and have fun.

## Australia, Worms and Fish!

The works for September will be fish for the vertebrate and the humble earthworm for the invertebrate. Independent study is to be encouraged!

Australia is the continent of the month.

The Commonwealth of Australia is a country in the southern hemisphere comprising the mainland of the world's smallest continent, the major island of Tasmania and a number of other islands in the Southern, Indian and Pacific Oceans.

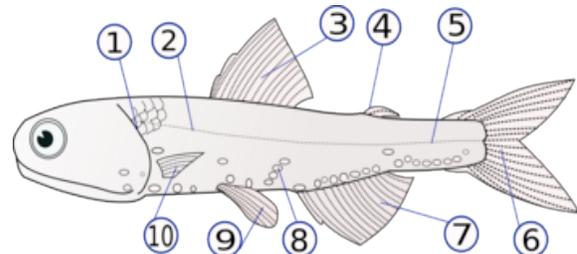
The Australian mainland has been inhabited for more than 42,000 years by Indigenous Australians.

After sporadic visits by fishermen from the north and by European explorers and merchants starting in the 17th century, the eastern half of Australia was claimed by the British in 1770 and initially settled through penal

transportation.

Today's population is 25 million, and is concentrated in the mainland state capitals of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, and Adelaide.

Source: Wikipedia



The anatomy of *Lampanyctodes hectoris* (Lantern Fish)  
1. gill cover, 2. lateral line, 3. dorsal fin, 4. fat fin, 5. caudal peduncle, 6. caudal fin, 7. anal fin, 8. photophores, 9. pelvic fins, 10. pectoral fins

## Small Planet Business

Tuition — A full month's tuition is due on the first of every month. Please make checks payable to Martha Morgan.

Morning lessons are from 9.00 - 11.30 and afternoon lessons 1.00 - 3.30. There is 15 minutes before and after class for drop-off/pick-up. Please observe these times.

**Tiny Treasures** — Any works at home? Bring 'em on back!

**Guest Speakers** — If you would like to share a special interest, hobby or holiday tradition,

please have a word with Martha! The children really love to hear about special ways to celebrate!

**Veronique** — Every Thursday 1 - 2 p.m. \$15.

**Snack** — Is it your snack day? Please swap with someone if you're going to miss your child's day.

**Lunch** — 11.30 to 12.30. If your child stays for lunch there is an extra fee of \$15 per lunch session. Packed lunch to be brought from home. Lunch not included.

Lunch session	\$15
Extra class	\$45
Extra hour	\$15
French	\$15

**Coats!** — Please be sure your child's coat is weather appropriate.

**Friday pick up!** Please collect your child by at 12.45 on Fridays. The school closes for the weekend at 1pm on Friday.

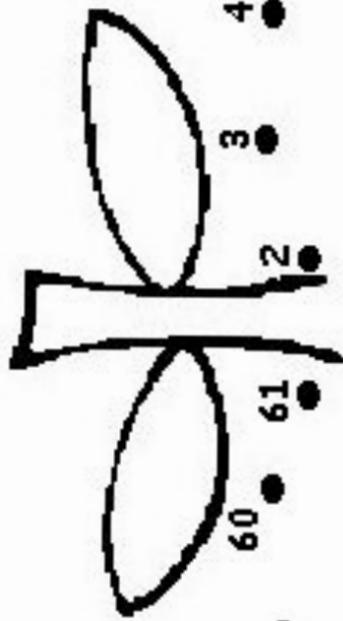
Thank You from  
Martha & Donna!

See you at the gate! — Martha

## Dates and Reminders

- ❁ Open House - Sept 4, 11-12:00
- ❁ First day of school- September 5
- ❁ Be sure the **GATE** is latched, OK!
- ❁ **Tuition and Registration** — A full month's tuition is due on the first of every month. Checks payable to Martha Morgan.  
→ Please hand in your registration forms with your check, thank you!

*Welcome back to Small Planet!*



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