May’s Topic:

ANIMAL BABIES

• Some animals are born alive, while others hatch from eggs.

• Frogs, toads, salamanders, turtles, lizards, some snakes, birds and most insects hatch from eggs.

• Baby mammals are born alive and drink milk from their mothers.

• Some animal babies are born helpless. Others are born completely capable of caring for themselves.

• Opossums are marsupials and carry their babies in a pouch for several months after birth. When they are older their mother carries them on her back.

• **Leave Wildlife Wild:** Young wild animals are rarely abandoned. The wildlife parents hide when you get near them and they often leave the babies to look for food.

*Book Suggestions:*  
Chickens Aren’t The Only Ones by Ruth Heller  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle