Here are the dates for the Master Gardener presentations for Grade 1.  We have tried to schedule more but are waiting to hear back from the coordinator.

Hope this helps,
Jennifer

10/22    Spiders

**Topic: WE LIKE SPIDERS**

Presenters: Carolyn Cradler, Jerry Kissel

Grades: K, 1, 2

Description:  This presentation emphasizes the role various spiders play in natural ecosystems as insect predators and how the vast majority of spiders are not harmful.  The characteristics of spiders are presented and compared with those of insects.  The many uses of the silk that all spiders produce is shown and how many species us it to trap their food, to move from place to place, and to produce sacs for their eggs.  In addition to the power point presentation, a variety of “spidery” stuff accompanies this program including some living spiders.

10/23    Bats

**Topic: BATS AREN’T JUST FOR HALLOWEEN**

Presenter: Lisa Wingate;

Grades: 2, 3, 4

Description: Though live bats might seem spooky at first, they’re great mosquito catchers and welcome additions to your backyard. Learn why bats are an important part of our environment.  Presentation includes *tricks* about their homes and favorite bat *treats,*such as their preferred flowers.

11/19    Native Americans

**Topic:  NATIVE FOODS FROM NATIVE PEOPLES**

Presenters: Michele Connolly, Yvonne Howard

Grade: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Description:  The American Indians who lived here were excellent farmers and were very knowledgeable about protecting and sustaining the environment.  Many of the foods eaten around the world were developed by American Indians in this area and throughout North and South America.  This presentation is about the foods that native peoples handed down to us, the unique farming methods that made those foods possible, and the relationship of natives to the environment.

4/4       Worms

**Topic: 1001 WORMS**

Presenters: Susan Levi‐Goerlich or other “Worm Squad” members

Grades: K, 1, 2, 3

Description: 1001 worms live in my house, eat my garbage and make fertilizer for my plants! In this 45 minutes to 1 hour presentation, students will explore an indoor worm bin, learn about worms and how they help plants grow, and discuss different ways of dealing with trash and garbage.

4/8    Frogs & Salamanders

**Topic:  FROGS AND SALAMANDERS OF MARYLAND**

Presenters:  Janice Winter; Carolyn Cregan; Carolyn Cradler;

Grade: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Description:  Did you know that Maryland is full of amphibian life? Learn about our local frogs and salamanders and why they are such an important part of our ecology.  Topics include the frog life cycle, how to tell the difference between a frog and a toad, and how to identify some of the frogs and salamanders that live here.  In addition, find out why frogs and salamanders are in peril and what you can do to help them.