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thoughtful introduction to the chapter's topic. It helps focus and center the reader. The chapter ends with an invitation to look at your family life and recognize what is working: successful moments, practices, or traditions. She also lays out how to put the idea into practice and suggests a journaling exercise as a means of reflection and contemplation.

The book appeals to both men and women. It's about family life, espe-

connection in your families.

You will want to own and get copies for friends and family. You can order your copy at www.amazon.com.

Noble the Moose Was A Bully

Written by Stuart Stackman
Illustrated by Tabatha Petrusek

This is an interesting story about an animal that was a bully to other ani-

are friends with each other which is not a characteristic of these forest animals. So I would suggest that it might be a good discussion starter for elementary age children. In this way older children, who have a more mature grasp of reality, could get a more in depth and realistic idea of how to deal with "bullying" situations.



I love that Kelly shares activities to get children ready to go into the outdoor environment with the tools, the respect, and the information to have meaningful encounters with the plants and animals they will encounter. For example, before the children go out, they make their own "sit-upons," organize their collection baskets, create pouches for magnifying glasses, scissors, and more. Conversations are had while preparing to go out into the garden: what they may see and how to observe; the jobs of insects and birds; and the kinds of plants and leaves that can be discovered. Preparation is the key to how the children will act in nature: the difference between 'recess' and actual reverence and inspiration.

For more information you can go to www.noblethemoose.com.

Wings, Worms, and Wonder

Written & Illustrated by Kelly Johnson

Ok. So I already said that *Nurturing the Soul of Your Family* was my favorite summer read; however, *Wings, Worms, and Wonder* is equally brilliant and inspiring.

We are so fortunate to have garden areas for every classroom at NewGate School (Sarasota, FL). They are wonderful additions to our students'

Kelly provides observation charts, experiments with pollen, designs bird stationary, and celebrates "bird day!" Do you want to know about composting? Would you like to find out about the different types of birds' beaks and how they work? What about seeds and leaf shapes, or how about a color-wheel scavenger hunt in nature? I love this book! If you would like to learn more, you can go to Kelly's website at www.wingswormsandwonder.com. Also, plan to join us in Sarasota for the Montessori Foundation/IMC Conference in November, where Kelly will be one of our many amazing presenters. See you there!

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