Children focus on snail trails to help them understand more about snails.

My Special Friend 3



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Do this after rain or in the early morning when snail trails are visible.

1. Go Outside After Rain
Take children to a soil area, near pots or planters. Look for snails and their trails; you can find a "*Snail trail picture*" in the Downloadable Materials. Instead of picking them up, ask questions:

“How do snails move? What are their feelers for?” (Explain that feelers help them sense touch and danger. If touched, snails hide in their shells, just like we hide when scared).

“Why do the trails twist and turn?” (Guide children to see that snails feel their way as they move).

“What are they looking for?” (Most probably food or a damp place to rest).

2. Visit Again
Leave a small pile of vegetables (like lettuce or tomato) and return later. Can you see trails leading to and from the pile? Even in dry weather, you might find signs that snails were there at night. Help children learn that snails are nocturnal.

3. Act it Out
Find a space for the children to move like snails. Use chalk to draw curvy lines for them to follow. This helps them explore movement and build gross motor skills.

Important! Always observe snails in their natural environment. Never bring them indoors. Children should learn to respect all living creatures, not treat them as toys.

Send photos of

- ☐ Children looking for snail trails
- ☐ Children making snail movements

Resources & Equipment Needed

- Vegetable matter
- Something "snail inspired" to help kids in the movements (optional)

