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## What Is a Squirrel's Life Cycle Like?

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. A mother squirrel builds her nest high in a tree to protect her kits from predators and keep them safe from danger.
2. Playful behaviors, such as chasing and climbing, help young squirrels practice important skills like balancing and escaping predators.
3. Squirrels spread seeds when they bury nuts, which helps trees and plants grow in new places.
4. The squirrel's life cycle, with multiple litters a year and attentive care from mothers, ensures that enough young survive to maintain healthy populations.

