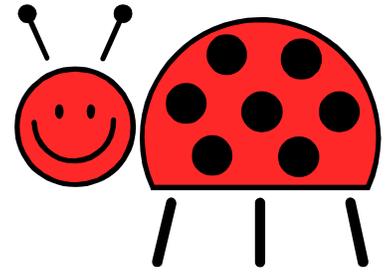




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ADULT RESOURCES

Peterson First Guide to Insects of North America

Christopher Leahy

ACTIVITY NOTEBOOK

BEYOND THE KITS – STORYTIME HANDBOOK

Welcome to the *Bugs* Theme Kit. Our target age group is 2 to 5 year olds but we have included at least one board book for babies to use. All these books read aloud well, and there are activities, finger plays, and teacher guides to help you. Also, take a look at the information sheet on the inside cover of this notebook. ENJOY!

Related Activities

FOR YOU: a copy of these activities is available in back of this notebook.

-Fun and Games-

BUG BUNGALOW **

Bring the outdoors into your room by creating a home for insects!

Fill an aquarium (or other large glass container) with fallen leaves, soil and sticks. Add a few rocks and pieces of bark for the bugs to crawl under and dampen the soil slightly.

Now grab a container and go on a bug hunt. Using the book in this kit, *Bugs Are Insects*, take a nature walk and try to find one type of insect for your class to adopt.

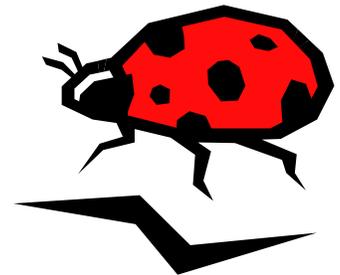
Gently place the bugs in the aquarium and keep them there for a week or two to observe. Look in the adult resource, *Peterson First Guide to Insects of North America*, to identify "your" bugs and to see what to feed them. Return them to their natural habitat when done.

CLOTHESPIN BUTTERFLY

Make a pattern for the body out of card stock or construction paper. Let the children cut out and decorate. Then fold the body and clamp it into a clothespin.

BUG RUBBING BOOKS

Use the bug plates included in this kit to let children make rubbings. Tie or staple the pages together for their very own Bug Book. If you want, write identifying names of the bugs underneath.



LADYBUGS **

After reading *The Very Grouchy Ladybug*, use the ladybug pattern in the activity notebook to make one for each child. Cut pieces of yarn for legs. Let the children color their bugs and glue or tape six legs on them. Glue on wiggle eyes, if you have them! You can glue the bug to a paper plate to reinforce it and hold legs in place.

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BUGS ARE CRAWLING

Suit actions to words

Bugs are crawling on the ground.
Onto my shoe without a sound.
Up my shin and to my knee.
Creepy bugs all over me!
Tickle, tickle. Oooh that itches.
Oh no! Bugs are in my britches!

LADYBUG, LADYBUG

Ladybug, ladybug, (*move fingers*)
Let me see you crawl,
(*crawl slowly on all fours*)
Hurry after those harmful bugs
(*move quickly on all fours*)
But be careful, do not fall! (*fall over*)

BUGS IN MY BRITCHES DANCING

Put on fast paced music and tell the children to dance like they have bugs in their britches. Model the dance for them. Slap your legs and back, jump up and down and wiggle. When the song is almost over, take out a pretend can of bug spray and let the children line up to be sprayed. Spray yourself first and act relieved to be bug free.

-Fingerplays and Action Rhymes-

FUZZY WUZZY CATERPILLAR

Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar
Into a corner creeps,
He'll spin himself a blanket,
And then go fast asleep.
Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar
Wakes up by and by
To find he has wings of beauty
Changed to a butterfly!

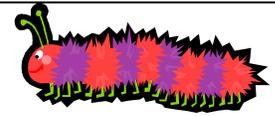
BEEHIVES

Here is the beehive
Where are the bees?
They're hiding inside,
Where nobody sees.
Soon they come creeping
Out of the hive
One, two, three, four, five
BZZZZZZZZZZ!
Use two fists and count to ten!

FIVE GREEN AND SPECKLED FROGS

Five green and speckled frogs
Sitting on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious bugs
Yum Yum!
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool,
Now there are no more speckled
frogs.

Four green and speckled frogs
Sitting on a speckled log
Etc.



*Hold up one wiggly finger.
Creep finger up opposite arm.*

Pretend to sleep.

*Everyone wakes and stretches.
Make butterfly by hooking thumbs together,
palms toward you; flutter fingers.*

Hold up fist with fingers curled inside.

*Peer inside closed fist.
Shake head.*

*Raise thumb and fingers, one at a time.
Buzz your hands around, and tickle
someone!*



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