

Bugs are “icky” and fascinating at the same time. They look alien but are a very critical part of our world and are sometimes under-appreciated. All insects, of which bugs are a part, are primary decomposers. What is a decomposer? This means that when living things die, bugs are part of the clean-up crew, breaking down waste to keep our environment balanced and ready for new life!

Click on a book cover below to open the read aloud in YouTube.



Literacy Activity

If you read The Icky Bug Alphabet Book, then review letters and letter sounds. Remember, vowels in English have two different sounds and so do consonants c and g. Which bugs were of interest to your child? Review the video or look them up; with what letter sounds do they begin? You can also play with blending and rhyming, which are key skills.

Click [HERE](#) to see Ms. Lynn’s activities.

Dramatic Play or Music Activity

How to create your very own insectarium:

An insectarium is an area where you can keep and look at bugs. This can be done using artificial or real bugs, depending on your family’s preference.

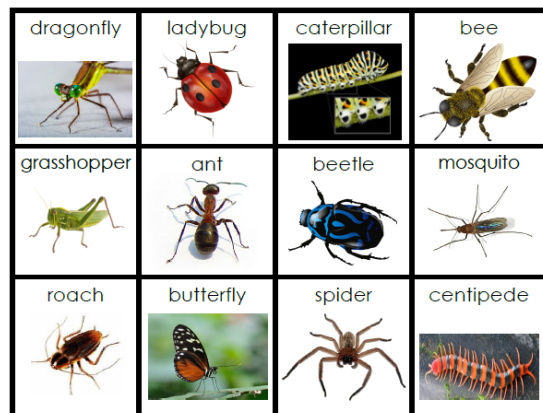
Here’s what you will need:

- Cardboard box
- Paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Artificial bugs

Decorate your cardboard box using paper cut outs, markers and any other art supplies you may have. Draw pictures of bugs; use artificial bugs or real bugs and play with them or observe them in your new insectarium!

Math Activity

Count the legs on each of these bugs!



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Science Activity

Insect Song

(to the tune of Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes)

Head, thorax, abdomen, abdomen
(thorax-from shoulders to waist,
abdomen (from waist to toes)

Head, thorax, abdomen, abdomen
With six legs
(hold out 3 fingers on both hands)

And two antennas
(hold two pointer fingers on head)

Head, thorax, abdomen, abdomen

Click [HERE](#) to join Ms. Kellie singing the song.



Excited to Learn More?

Here are some additional activities you may also enjoy!

Science Activity

Insect Study



Click on the image to see Ms. Kellie share her insect expertise!

Science Activity

Bug Zoo Playdough

Click on the image below to see how Ms. Kellie makes playdough for her Bug Zoo.



Click on this next image to see the Bug Zoo come to life.



Language Activity

Additional Activities for The Icky Bug Book

Look at the word “Bug(s)” in the book titles. Deconstruct the word by breaking it into individual letter sounds (phonemes) (first-middle-end): /b/ /u/ /g/. Have your child put the word back together again. What word is it?

Have your child concentrate on the ending sound in bug. What is the sound at the end of the word? It’s “/ug/!” What sound does letter “h” make? /h/! What happens when we put the /h/ sound in front of /ug/? We made a new word: “hug.” Can you make other words that rhyme or have the same end sound as bug or hug?

Literacy Activity

Do you like to Buzz?
(To the tune of “Do Your Ears Hang Low”)

Do you like to buzz.
Are you covered all in fuzz?
Do you call a hive a home
In the garden where you roam?
Do you know how to make honey,
Are your stripes a little funny?
Do you like to buzz?