

BOOKS TO GROW

Kit theme: **BUGS II**

- Book titles included:
 1. **Martina the Beautiful Cockroach** retold by Carmen Agra Deedy
 2. **I Love Bugs!** by Emma Dodd
 3. **What to Expect When You're Expecting Larvae** by Bridget Heos
 4. **Bow Wow Bugs a Bug** by Mark Newgarden & Megan Montague Cash
 5. **Insect Detective** by Steve Voake
- DVD: **The Very Hungry Caterpillar and other stories.**
- CD: **Diary of a Fly** (with hardcover book)

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

Bug Safari by Bob Barner
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! by Bob Barner
The Flea's Sneeze by Lynn Downey
The Gentleman Bug by Julian Hector
Born to Be a Butterfly by Karen Wallace
Garden Friends by Linda Gambrell
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! by Jennifer Dussling
What Do You Call a Group of Butterflies by Emma Nathan
Beetle Bop by Denise Fleming
In the Tall, Tall Grass by Denise Fleming
The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle
Ant, Ant, Ant! An Insect Chant by April Pulley Sayre
Deputy Harvey and the Ant Cow Caper by Brad Sneed
I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Nadine Bernard Wescott
Sophie's Masterpiece by Eileen Spinelli
Don't Worry Bear by Greg E. Foley



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Have Fun With Books

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Talk, Talk, Talk

Tell Stories

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Activity Ideas – Bugs II

Thumbprint Bugs

Have children use a washable inkpad to make thumbprints on white paper. Use a pen or colored pencils to add legs, eyes and mouths to various kinds of bugs. Try looking at a copy of *Ed Emberley's Fingerprint Drawing Book* for inspiration.

Adapted from: *Simply Super Storytimes* by Marie Castellano

Bug on a Leaf

Give children leaf-shaped paper (or have them cut their own, if they are old enough). Provide them with one-hole punchers and let them punch as much as they want, making places where bugs ate through their leaves. After making the holes, they create a bug on their leaf using crayons or colored pencils. Using a hole-punch is great fine motor exercise and helps children use the "writing" muscles in their hands and arms.

Adapted from: <http://www.preschooleducation.com/abug.shtml>

Mirror Butterfly

Fold a piece of construction paper in half and cut it into the shape of a butterfly. Open it up and paint one side of the butterfly. Fold it again and press it firmly. Open it up to reveal a beautiful symmetrical butterfly.

Adapted from: http://education.preschoolrock.com/index.php/curriculum_themes/

Five Hungry Ants

(Start with pictures or cutouts of five ants.)

5 (4, 3, 2, 1) hungry ants, marching in a line

Came upon a picnic, where they could dine,

They marched into the salad,

They marched into the cake,

They marched into the pepper,

Uh-Oh! That was a mistake!

AAAAACCCCCHHHHHHHHOOOOOOOOO!

(Remove one ant as you "sneeze")

Arabella Miller Rhyme

Little Arabella Miller

Found a furry caterpillar.

First it crawled upon her mother.

Then upon her baby brother.

Both cried, "Naughty Arabella!

Put away that caterpillar!"

From: *Games to Play with Two Year Olds* by Jackie Silberg

Little Flea tickle rhyme

(Touch your child's body as you say this rhyme.)

Creeping, creeping little flea,

Up my leg and past my knee.

To my tummy on he goes,

Past my chin and to my nose.

Now he's creeping down my chin,

To my tummy once again.

Down my leg and past my knee

To my toe that little flea...GOTCHA!

Bumble Bee song

(sung to the tune: "Jingle Bells")

Bumble bee, Bumble bee,

Landing on my nose.

Bumble bee, bumble bee,

Now he's on my toes.

On my arms, on my legs,

On my elbows.

Bumble bee, oh bumble bee,

He lands and then he goes.

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