

Johnson County Library's

# BOOKS TO GROW

Kit theme: **BUGS**

- Book titles included:
  1. **Old Black Fly** by Jim Aylesworth
  2. **The Very Quiet Cricket** by Eric Carle
  3. **Bye-Bye, Big Bad Bullybug** by Ed Emberley
  4. **In the Tall Tall Grass** by Denise Fleming
  5. **Insectlopedia : poems and paintings** by Douglas Florian
- DVD: **The Magic School Bus Bugs, Bugs, Bugs!**
- CD: **Diary of a Spider**



Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

**Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears** by

Verna Aardema

**Hi! Fly Guy** by Tedd Arnold

**Very Lonely Firefly** by Eric Carle

**Diary of a Worm** by Doreen Cronin

**Oddhopper Opera** by Kurt Cyrus

**Pest Fest** by Julia Durango

**Some Smug Slug** by Pamela Duncan

Edwards

**Antics! : an alphabetical anthology** and

**Bug Off! : a swarm of insect words**

Catherine Hepworth

**Hey Little Ant** by Phillip M. Hoose

**Insects Are My Life** by Megan McDonald

**There's an Ant in Anthony** by Bernard Most

**Have you seen bugs?** by Joanne Oppenheim

**One Hundred Hungry Ants** by Elinor J. Pinczes

**About Insects : a Guide for Children** by

Cathryn P. Sill

**Two Bad Ants** by Chris Van Allsburg

**Step By Step** by Diane Wolkstein

See the back for activities to help children with these 6 by 6 *Ready to Read* early literacy areas:

*Have Fun With Books*

*Notice Print*

*Talk, Talk, Talk*

*Tell Stories*

*Look for Letters*

*Take Time to Rhyme*

## ACTIVITY IDEAS - BUGS

Help children capture ants, insects, earthworms or other creatures in a covered jar filled with dirt and leaves. Allow children to observe how the insects move and what they do. What do they eat? Do they sleep? Let the insects go and watch as they return to their homes.

This is a fun outdoor activity. Let children dip a fly swatter in paint, and then swing and flip paint onto a large piece of butcher paper.

After reading *Bye-Bye, Big Bad Bullybug!*, let children make the a big-bad-bullybug. This recipe for modeling dough needs no refrigeration, and can be used for over a month:

1 cup flour	Mix dry ingredients, add
1/2 cup salt	liquids and cook over high
2 tsp cream of tartar	heat until it forms a ball
1 cup of water	stirring constantly. Lumps
1 TBS cooking oil	will disappear. May be
Food coloring	doubled. Store covered.

(from *I Can Do It! I Can Do It!*)

### **EENCY WEENCY SPIDER**

An eency weency spider  
(One hand climbs up arm to shoulder)  
Climbed up the water spout.  
Down came the rain  
(Raise hands high in air and drop them  
down quickly.)  
And washed the spider out.  
(Hand slides down arm.)  
Out came the sun  
(Arms form circle over head.)  
And dried up all the rain.  
And the eency weency spider  
(Hand goes back up arm to shoulder.)  
Climbed up the spout again.

### **SLEEPY CATERPILLARS**

Let's go to sleep the little caterpillars said,  
(Wiggle fingers)  
As they tucked themselves into their beds.  
(Make fists)  
They will awaken by and by,  
And each will be a lovely butterfly.  
(Open hand, one finger at a time, join  
thumbs to make butterfly)  
(from *Finger Frolics*)



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