



LIFE IN THE GARDEN



Bug Memory Game (PK+)

Use the following link to play "Memory" with different garden insect cards

https://www.happyclicks.net/memory-games/memory_games_bugs.php

Sesame Street Videos (Pk-1)

Bees- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azBiHYRV2Mw>

A Song about Bugs <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KKXadS3hanw>

Elmo's World Bugs <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0QFhCHU5Qk>

Bug Games (Gr. 1+)

Build your own bug, sort bugs, and go on an adventure with an ant using the link below

<https://pestworldforkids.org/fun-games/games/>

All About Bees Video (Gr. 1+)

Learn fun facts about bees and the important role they play in nature.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dA05LOfPbIY>

The importance of Bees (Gr. 2+)

Read the following short articles to learn about why bees are so important. These articles are suitable for independent reading by grades (3+) but can be shared with younger students if read with an adult/ older sibling. There is also a short video explaining a bee's importance.

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/invertebrates/insects/honeybee/>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/za/discover/animals/insects/honey-bees/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CxCTyxRFh0>

Garden Life Writing Prompts

For younger students, have them draw pictures to respond to the question then dictate captions to describe their drawing.

- Pick one of the insects you have learned about. Which one do you like the best? Why?
- Some spiders are named for how they look, like the Wolf Spider or the Pumpkin spider. Pretend you've discovered a new kind of spider. Draw what it would look like then write to describe it.
- Explain how different insects, especially bees, help the garden and the earth

Garden Life Read Alouds

Diary of a Spider

<https://bookflix.digital.scholastic.com/pair/detail/bk0008pr/story?authCtx=U.794217314>

Diary of a Worm

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8h3X2DWzoq4>

Bugs Galore

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ptABiRy_Es



Materials: white paper, paint/ coloring items, household items (toilet paper rolls, plastic bottle caps, corks, etc.)
Using materials from your home, encourage your child to create their own bugs. You can demonstrate by stamping/ painting/ drawing a body and then adding legs to create your bug. Then have your child create their own. Work to fill the whole paper with different types of bugs. Children can also add wings, eyes, faces, etc. to make their bugs unique.

Materials: ladybug drawing, black circle cutouts or black pompoms, glue
After you have created a ladybug, work with your child to glue spots on based on math problems. Depending on the age of your child, you can have them count a specific number of spots before gluing, complete a simple math problem (2+1 spots) to determine the number, solve multi step problems (Add 4+3 then subtract 2) etc.

Materials: red and black construction paper, scissors, glue
Cut a circle from the red paper. Then cut the remaining paper into strips widthwise. Take one strip and glue/ tape one end to the top of the circle. Loop the strip over to create an arc over the circle, then tape/ glue the other end on. Continue this process until you've created a dome body for the ladybug. Then add a face, spots, and eyes using the black construction paper.