

WEB SITES

“Buggy About Books” Summer Reading Program 2004

The Activity Idea Place

<http://www.123child.com/>

Great easy art ideas for bugs. Over 1650 activity ideas for young children. Theme-based art, math, science, games, songs, dramatic play and more. Lesson plans and curriculum ideas for preschool and toddler teachers. 2003 “Spring” ideas for bugs, bees and butterflies.

ABC Teach

<http://abcteach.com/>

ABCTeach offers over 5000 free printable pages, including theme units and fun activities: crossword puzzles, word searches and unscrambles.

Amazing Moms

<http://www.amazingmoms.com>

Kit Bennett’s Amazing Moms site has “Bright Ideas for Busy Families.” Her party ideas with games, activities and treats include: Lady Bug Party for ages 3-6, Slimy Spider Party for older kids, and Spiderman Party.

Animal Den

<http://www.animalden.com/>

This site is primarily commercial with animal-related products, but it does have lots of bug jokes at:

<http://www.animalden.net/jh/bugjoke.htm>

A to Z Teacher Stuff

<http://atozteacherstuff.com/>

This has great links. Most of the items on A to Z are a bit too “schooly” for libraries, but you might get some ideas, especially for butterflies and caterpillars:

http://atozteacherstuff.com/themes/butterflies_caterpillars.shtml

The Butterfly Web Site

<http://butterflywebsite.com/>

Lots of good clip art and nature related information, mostly not for kids.

CanTeach

<http://www.canteach.ca/index.html>

This Canadian site says it has “hundreds of lesson plans, thousands of links and tons of other resources.” There are lots of butterfly poems and songs at:

<http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems26.html>

Mrs. Ann’s Preschool Page

<http://home.cinci.rr.com/prek/index.htm>

Art, crafts and more. Caterpillar and butterfly crafts. Spring activities and recipes

at: <http://home.cinci.rr.com/prek/MayArt.htm>

A World of Kindergartens

<http://www.coe.iup.edu/worldofkindergarten/>

Ideas and information are arranged alphabetically. The information was originally shared on list serves and email messages to web owner. Books, recipes, activities about insects are included. Songs about bugs are at:

<http://www.coe.iup.edu/worldofkindergarten/BI/songs.html>

Danielle's Place

<http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/caterpillarcrafts.html>

This site is dedicated to teaching children through crafts and activities. You will find hundreds of inexpensive crafts and activities for children.

This is a great site!! Lots of crafts on insects.

Mrs. Bee's Busy Classroom

<http://dcrafts.com/mrsbees.htm>

Whole section on insects and bugs with language, math, art, science activities, poems and songs and a booklist. Many good ideas for older kids as well as younger ones.

Discovery Learning Presents Ladybugs

<http://www.discoverlearning.com/webjourneys/ladybugs/step2.html>

Information about ladybugs.

DLTK

<http://www.dltk-kids.com>

DLTK's Crafts for Kids features a variety of fun, printable children's crafts, coloring pages and other activities, including projects for holidays and educational themes. The site is run by Leanne, a mom with two girls (ages 4 and 8). She has sister sites:

<http://coloring.ws> Loads of coloring pages. Very nice!

These coloring pages have nice simple illustrations of a variety of items. Bug pictures include bee, beehive, butterfly, ant, ladybug, plus a worm.

First-School.ws Spanish/English activities

KidsRCrafty.com French/English activities

KidZone.ws Fun Facts for Kids

Mrs. Bee's Busy Classroom

<http://dcrafts.com/mrsbees.htm>

Good ideas. Lots of activities for older kids.

Earth's Birthday Project

<http://www.earthsbirthday.org>

Educating children about the earth. Includes butterflies and bugs science activities at: <http://www.earthsbirthday.org/butterflies/>

How to order butterflies to raise. The caterpillars are delivered March-July

<http://www.earthsbirthday.org/butterflies/activitykit/contact.html>

Edible Insects or, more than you ever wanted to know about eating bugs

www.eatbug.com

Enchanted Learning

www.enchantedlearning.com

Fantastic site. Lots of crafts.

Arranged by theme: <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/>

On-line activities:

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/cgi-bin/Dots.cgi/spider/16?118,71>

On-line dot-to-dot spider. Very cool.

[http://www.enchantedlearning.com/cgi-](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/cgi-bin/paint/fuaz1mfTN3rdTgHEdP71sdvkMvdug7rf/subjects/insects/bee/Honeybee)

[bin/paint/fuaz1mfTN3rdTgHEdP71sdvkMvdug7rf/subjects/insects/bee/Honeybee](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/cgi-bin/paint/fuaz1mfTN3rdTgHEdP71sdvkMvdug7rf/subjects/insects/bee/Honeybee)
[coloring.shtml](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/cgi-bin/paint/fuaz1mfTN3rdTgHEdP71sdvkMvdug7rf/subjects/insects/bee/Honeybee)

Color the bee.

Eric Carle

<http://www.eric-carle.com/>

Eric Carle's web site. Not really that exciting, but since Eric has done so many insect stories, it may be useful.

Family Corner

<http://www.familycorner.com/dir/Family/Kids/>

Family Corner has coloring pages, crafts and recipes. I didn't find a lot on insects, except a really cute door hanger that says "Don't bug me."

<http://www.thefamilycorner.com/family/kids/crafts/doorhanger.shtml>

Family Crafts

<http://familycrafts.about.com/mbody.htm>

Lots of good craft ideas. No patterns.

Mrs. Seagraves' Quest Class and Thematic Units

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Atrium/5924/index.html>

Located in Montgomery, Alabama.

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Atrium/5924/schoolyardscience.htm>

Terrific site with facts, lore, crafts, links, games about ladybugs.

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Atrium/5924/allaboutsnaills.htm>

All about snails. Includes stories, crafts, facts and on-line games about snails.

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Atrium/5924/schoolyardsafari.htm>

Click on objects in the yard to learn more about them. Includes on-line nature concentration game.

Inside Kindergarten

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Aegean/2221/ladybug.html>

Activities and a great song related to Eric Carle's *Grouchy Ladybug* book.

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Aegean/2221/spiders.html>

Activities related to spiders. Songs and complicated group crafts.

Patti's Preschool Resources

<http://www.geocities.com/soogal99/index.html>

Includes bug ideas.

Cool Science

<http://www.hhmi.org/coolscience/butterfly>

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute invites curious kids to explore biology. The Cool Science site supported by HHMI's Precollege and Public Science Education Program. Includes a great craft of a butterfly coming out of a cocoon.

Iowa State University Entomology Image Gallery

<http://www.ent.iastate.edu/imagegallery>

Iowa State University Entomology Image Gallery includes numerous detailed photographs of beetles (includes ladybugs), butterflies, moths, caterpillars, cicadas, flies, mosquitoes, grasshoppers, crickets, lice, ticks and true bugs. Great browsing for older kids.

Insecta Inspecta World

<http://www.insecta-inspecta.com/>

The world is covered with bugs, so shouldn't you know a little bit about them? Includes Bugs in the News, Insects on the Money, Arachnophobia, Insects in Art and Questions That Bug Us. Great site for exploration by older kids. Includes some insect sounds.

Bug Bios

<http://www.insects.org>

Bugbios: Shameless Promotion of Bug Appreciation. This site aims to help you *really* see insects for the miniature marvels they represent and to understand how intertwined our cultures have become with these alien creatures. Great for older kids.

Johnette Downing

<http://www.johnettedowning.com/>

Our very own Johnette! Her CDs *Silly Sing Along* and *Wild and Woolly Wiggle Songs* both include songs with bugs in them.

Kiddyhouse

<http://www.kiddyhouse.com/>

The Resource Center for Kids and Teachers

<http://kiddyhouse.com/themes/frogs/froggysong.html>

Froggy's Catching a Fly song

<http://www.kiddyhouse.com/Themes/frogs/>

All about frogs for kids and teachers.

Kidzone

http://www.kidzone.ws/animals/monarch_butterfly.htm

This is a very nice site all about the monarch butterfly. It appears to be part of DLTK's package of sites. It includes 3 on-line insect jigsaw puzzles that are really fun.

Kinderkorn

<http://www.kinderkorn.com>

Victoria has lots of thematic units.

Click on square "Victoria's online thematic units-complete list" for ladybugs, ants, bees, caterpillars and butterflies, and creepy crawly bugs.

Linda Book

<http://www.lindabook.com/home.html>

Linda Book is a musician. She has several children's CD's including a really cute song called "The Bug Took a Walk" on the CD *Someday I'm Gonna to Have a Horse*.

Lois Walker's Take Part

<http://loiswalker.com/index.html>

Lois Walker lives in Vancouver, B.C. She writes wonderful scripts for readers' theatre and choral reading, including *The Grasshopper* and *the Ant*, which we have permission to put in the manual.

<http://loiswalker.com/grasshop.html>

The Grasshopper and the Ants by Lois Walker

Making Friends

<http://www.makingfriends.com/index.htm>

Making Friends. "Cool crafts for kewl kids." These crafts are a bit more commercial and most of them require more expensive materials, but take a look—you might get some ideas. Two of the bug crafts have downloadable color patterns that are very nice.

<http://www.makingfriends.com/bugs.htm>

http://www.makingfriends.com/butterfly_crafts.htm

The Chalkboard

http://members.tripod.com/~Patricia_F/

Craft ideas, coloring pages and songs. Lots of them are bug-related.

NPWRC

<http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/distr/lepid/bflyusa/bflyusa.htm>

Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center. Butterflies of North America Facts

Nuttin But Kids

<http://www.nuttinbutkids.com>

Nuttin But Kids site has printables including flannel boards, mazes, coloring sheet, dot to dots. A few of them are related to insects.

National Wildlife Federation

<http://www.nwf.org/kidzone/kzPage.cfm?siteId=2&departmentId=146&articleId=362>

Backyard Buddies. How to make a bug vacuum.

<http://www.nwf.org/kidzone/>

NWF Kid Zone. Lots of fun stuff for older kids.

Once Upon a Toon

www.onceuponatoon.com

Storytelling with live cartoon illustration by Joe Wos. The site is an interactive entertainment experience featuring storytelling with live cartoon illustration by Joe Wos. Storyteller Joe Wos is based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but travels just about anywhere! He comes to Louisiana often and has given us permission to copy his frog and fly story for the manual.

<http://www.onceuponatoon.com/frogs.html>

“The Frog Who Had Flies All Day Long” story

Pictou-Antigonish Library Summer Reading Program “Don’t Bug Me I’m Reading”

<http://www.parl.ns.ca/bugs/index.html>

This public library in Nova Scotia has a fantastic site. Take a look. There are some good craft ideas.

PBS Alien Empire

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/alienempire/>

PBS site. Alien Empire is featured. Interactive site for older kids. On-line activities, presentations, videos. Great insect masks in color to print out.

Preschool Coloring Book

<http://www.preschoolcoloringbook.com/>

Lots of coloring pages. Lots of butterflies. Several funny (cartoony) images with other bugs.

Preschool Education

<http://www.preschooleducation.com/art.shtml>

<http://www.preschooleducation.com/abug.shtml> Bug Arts and Crafts
Good ideas. Short descriptions. No images.

Gayle's Preschool Rainbow

<http://www.preschoolrainbow.org/insect-rhymes.htm>

Some cute insect rhymes. Nice color flannel board patterns for "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly."

Scatty.com

<http://www.scatty.com>

Lots of silly jokes about insects in the "Scary Joke" section. The jokes are not really scary.

Totcity

<http://www.totcity.com>

Preschool and toddler activity ideas. Great coloring pages of insects.

University of Kentucky Entomology

<http://www.uky.edu/Agriculture/Entomology/ythfacts/bugfun/bugfun.htm>

University of Kentucky Entomology Department. Bug fun for kids. Nice site, but most of the materials is for "older" kids, say, grade 5 up. Crafts and activities are fairly difficult or complicated.

University of Guelph (Ontario, Canada)

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/~samarsha/lady-beetles.htm>

Steve Marshall's photographs of ladybugs. Details information about many different ladybugs.

Wellesley College Web of Species

<http://www.wellesley.edu/Activities/homepage/web/>

Includes lots of information about insects for older kids, including how to tell the temperature by counting the chirps of a cricket: count the number of times a cricket chirps in 15 seconds and add 40 to the number.

Yucky Roach World

<http://yucky.kids.discovery.com/flash/roaches/index.html>

Fun and games about roaches. Older kids.