

Family Lessons

Week of April 20 – 24, 2020

Theme: Insects

Book: The Very Grouchy Ladybug

Reading on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jr3ha03MsK0&feature=youtu.be>

What do we know about insects?

New Vocabulary:

Insect	A small animal with a body divided into three parts, six legs, and usually with one or two pairs of wings
Fireflies	Small, flying insects that glow
Aphids	Small insects that live on leaves
Grouchy	In a bad mood; cranky or grumpy
Stinger	The pointy part of an insect that can hurt others.
Insist	To really want to do something

Other Book Suggestions (found on YouTube):

- The Very Quiet Cricket (by: Eric Carle) - <https://youtu.be/YdiGEjz5b0Q>
- Ten Little Caterpillars (by: Bill Martin Jr.) – https://youtu.be/AhhHzPG_gRI

Field Trip

- Butterfly World <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pV-Xe11H8rk>

Ideas for at-home activities:

Pretend Play	Use your imagination and move like a bug. Fly like a ladybug, buzz like a bee, crawl like a spider, jump like a grasshopper and flutter like a butterfly.
ABC Fun	Invite your child to explore some alphabet cards. Have them trace the letters with their fingers, find the letters in their names or sort the cards by upper and lowercase letters.
Math	Go on a shape hunt in the house or outside and practice identifying shapes.
Science	Take your child outside for an insect nature walk. Allow them to search the ground and grass for different types of insects. Allow them to tell you what was found on their walk.
Art	Make a coffee filter butterfly using a coffee filter, washable markers and a pipe cleaner/ clothes pin. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Swzld86GeA
Sensory	Make an easy and cheap sensory bottle with an empty clear bottle, water, oil and a few drops of food coloring. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76MTGCgFt5E
Building	Build a beehive. Don't let all of those toilet paper and paper towel rolls go to waste. Have your child build their very own beehive. They can add onto their hive as they collect rolls.
Social- Emotional Activity	Frustrated--(the feeling of being very angry/upset when one cannot do/complete something) This is a great time to talk about possible frustration at not being able to go to school. Watch the Youtube clip " Sesame Street: Frustrated ". After the clip, talk about ways to show frustration appropriately such as breathing strategies, walking away to spend a few minutes in the calm down spot, using our words to talk it out, etc...