



STORY OF THE DAY

BUGS GALORE

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STORY EXTENSION IDEAS

- Use finger prints to make bugs. Have your child dip their fingers in paint or a stamp pad and make finger print bugs by using a marker or crayons to add legs and eyes.
- Make a [Homemade Bug Jar](#)
- Try painting with a fly swatter. Place a long roll of paper or several pieces of paper outside with some paint and let your child experiment using a fly swatter as a paint brush.
- Sing along to [Bugs, Bugs, Bugs](#)

IDEA OF THE DAY

GO ON AN OUTSIDE BUG HUNT

Flowers – you'll find flying insects like lady beetles, soldier beetles, and cucumber beetles as well as ants and smaller insects like aphids. Watch out for bees and wasps!

Grass – try looking next to your house. You might find crickets or grasshoppers to observe. Ants are also common there. Looking out into a grassy field, you could be fortunate enough to see a butterfly or two

Sidewalk – look at the edges of the sidewalk, patio, or driveway. The insects may be easier to find on a paved surface than on the grass.

Under logs or rocks – you might find grubs or even a large beetle

How to observe the insects with your child:

1. Watch them and follow them around.
2. Ask questions: What are they doing? Where are they going? What do they look like {color, size, shape}?
3. Count their legs. Insects have 6 legs. {Spiders and other arachnids have 8 legs.}
4. Look at their body parts. Insects have 3 main parts: head, thorax, and abdomen. {Ants are great for observing all 3 parts.}
5. Listen to them. Do they make any sounds? Can you track down an insect by following its sound? {like a cricket maybe?}