

## **Catch The Reading Bug 2007 – Week Five**

**Sub-Theme:** Bug to Butterfly

**Title:** **Bugs and Games New to You!**

**Age:** 6 – 9 yrs

**Duration:** 45 minutes for stories and games, and ½ hour for crafts

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### **Materials/Supplies:**

- Two pieces of yellow tissue paper per child
- One miniature chocolate bar per child
- Black pipe cleaners
- Black Tape
- Basket (for throwing 'bees' into)
- Small prizes for game winners: bookmarks, pencils, stickers etc.
- Different shaped balloons
- Felt Markers
- Bug/insect jokes and riddles on strips of paper
- Red and Black Construction Paper
- Glue
- Glue sticks
- Craft scissors
- Magnet strips
- Bug Stamps
- Inkpads
- Clear Contact Paper

### **Procedure:**

#### **1. Welcoming Game:**

##### **Bee Bag**

Wad 6 pieces of yellow tissue paper into tight balls, each around a miniature chocolate bar. Take 6 more sheets of yellow tissue paper and fold them in half. Place one tissue "ball" in the center of each sheet. Gather the paper around the balls and twist with black pipe cleaners, making them resemble antennae. Wrap 3 rows of black tape around the bodies to look like bee stripes.

When the children start arriving at your Summer Reading Club program, gather them into a game of Bee Bag. Children congregate around the large basket, or "hive" and practice throwing their "bees" from progressively further distances. The last child to successfully toss their "bee" from the furthest distance is the winner. Tell all the children to open up their bees and watch as they find a surprise inside! \*\*If you are worried about allergies, simply substitute \$ store bugs inside the tissue bees.

#### **2. Read the Book:**

Beatle McGrady by Megan McDonald (eating people friendly bugs can definitely be described as a new experience!)

**3. Game:**

**Balloon Bug**

Give the children a balloon (different shapes are best) that has already been blown up and that has a bug joke or riddle on the inside on a piece of paper. Have them draw their own bug on the balloon with a marker. Set a time limit for drawing on the balloons. Divide the children into pairs and have them toss their balloon bugs to each other at the same time and see how long they can keep the balloons in the air simultaneously. If the balloons pop, the children will get to read each other their jokes and riddles. The last pair to keep their balloons flying at the same time wins a small prize each.

**4. Read the Book:**






Truman's Aunt Farm by Jama Kim Rattigan (sometimes bugs aren't what they appear to be!)

**5. Game:**

**What Kind of Insect Are You?**

Children love to pretend to be insects. Divide the kids into two groups and make one group the 'guessers' and one group the insects. Give one group a piece of paper with a certain type of insect on it and have them act out their insect for the children in the other group. Keep the game going as long as you like...there are a million insects to choose from!

**6. Craft: Hole Punch Ladybugs**

-  Cut two medium ladybug shapes out for each of your children (one from red paper and one from black paper).
-  Cut off the heads of the red shapes and cut them in-half.
-  Give each child a black bug and two half wing shapes.
-  Have children place the two red shapes on top of each other and using a hole punch, punch out some holes in the red paper.
-  Then have them glue the red shape over the black bug shape to create a colorful spotted ladybug. Glue a small piece of magnet strip on the back to make a fridge magnet

**7. Craft:**

**Bug Place Mats**

Let your children make bug placemats. Set out bug-shaped rubber stamps along with inkpads in a variety of colors, felt markers and bug stickers. Have the children stamp bug prints, stick stickers and draw colourful bugs with felt markers all over pieces of light-colored construction paper. Cover them with clear Contact paper.

8. **Draw:**  
(\*\*\*\*\*See second attachment labeled "Draw a New Bug" for full drawing page.)

**DRAW A NEW BUG!**

**What would your new bug look like?  
What would your new bug be called?  
(Draw and name your new bug below)**

**Resources:**

**Books:**

Beatle McGrady by Megan McDonald

Truman's Aunt Farm by Jama Kim Rattigan

**Websites:**

<http://www.stepbystepcc.com>

[http://www.preschoolexpress.com/pattern\\_station02/ladybug\\_activities\\_may02.shtml](http://www.preschoolexpress.com/pattern_station02/ladybug_activities_may02.shtml)