

## Catch The Reading Bug 2007- Week Seven

**Sub-theme:** Bugs Bugs!

**Title:** Bug-ology

**Age:** 6 to 9 year olds

**Duration:** 45 - 60 minutes

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### Materials/Supplies:

- Large sheet
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Tape/glue stick
- Markers/crayons
- String

### Procedure:

1. Welcome
2. Introduction of theme
3. **Story Suggestion # 1:**  
I'm a pill bug – by Yukihiisa Tokuda
4. **Action Song :**

Bug Dance (Sing to the tune of Jingle Bells)

Clap your hand, Stomp your feet  
Wiggle all around  
Hold your hands high in the air  
Now let's touch the ground  
Hold your head, Hold your hips  
Give yourself a hug  
Lay down flat upon the ground  
But...WATCH OUT FOR THE BUGS!

5. **Story Suggeston #2:**  
Have you seen bugs? – Joanne Oppenheim and Ron Broda
6. **Activity :**  
Bug in the Rug Game

Lay a large sheet on the floor and have the group of children sit around it. One child steps away from the group and closes his/her eyes. The leader taps a child and he/she gets under the "rug". The child that was away from the group with eyes closed comes back. Now the rest of the children chant:

Bug in the rug,  
Bug in the rug.  
Who's that bug in the rug?

The child has to guess who is under the rug by looking around to see who is missing. The child under the rug is then revealed. And so on until all (or determined number) of children have had a turn.

7. **Story Suggestion #3:**

The Amazing Book of Insect Records – by Samuel Woods

8. **Insect Jokes:**

Print question and answer pages from - <http://sciencespot.net/Media/adinsjokes.pdf>

Read some jokes from sheet. Ask if anyone knows any others.

9. **Action Rhyme:**

Bee Buzzing

Bzzzzzz Bzzzzzz  
Buzz like a bee  
Buzz like a bee  
Be like me  
And buzz like a bee

Weee! Jump like a flea (weee)  
Jump like a flea (weee)  
Be like me  
And jump like a flea (weee)

Sliiide like a slug  
Sliide like a slug  
No need to hurry up  
Just slide like a slug

Scuttle like a bug  
Scuttle like a bug  
Scoot across the rug  
Like a little beetle bug (next page)  
Now back to the bee, the fuzzy buzzy bee  
Be like me, and buzz like a bee  
Buzz like a, buzz like, buzz like a bee! Hee hee!

Goodbye – I have to fly!

10. **Craft:**

Paper Chain Caterpillar Puppet (see separate page after resources)

11. Prize draws and closing

**Resources:**

**Books:**

Ross, Michael Elsohn. (2004). Snug As a Bug. San Francisco: Chronicle Books.

Sturges, Philemon. (2005). I Love Bugs!. HarperCollinsPublishers.

Tokuda, Yukihisa. (2003). I'm a Pill Bug. La Jolla, California: Kane/Miller Book Publishers, Inc.

**Websites:**

Enchanted Learning. In insects at enchanted learning.  
<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/insects.shtml>

DLTK. In DLTK's crafts for kids. <http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/insects/mpaperdragonfly.htm>

Bug Jokes. <http://sciencespot.net/Media/adinsjokes.pdf>

**Paper Chain Caterpillar Toy or Puppet**  
More Kinder Crafts







A simple-to-make caterpillar toy or puppet.



**Supplies needed:**

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick

- Markers or crayons
- Optional: string (to make a puppet)

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|   | <p>Cut out 13 strips of paper that are 1 inch by 6 inches, and one that is 4 inches square.</p>   |
|   | <p>Form one of the strips into a circle and secure it with glue.</p>  |
|   | <p>Form the next paper strip into a circle connected to the first loop.</p>   |
|   | <p>Continue until all 13 circles are connected, making a chain. Each loop is a segment of your caterpillar.</p>   |
|  <p>Simple eyes<br/>Mandibles (jaws)</p> | <p>Cut a circle from the paper square to make a head for the caterpillar. Using a marker or crayons, add some simple eyes. Caterpillar eyes can only detect light vs. dark. Glue on two tiny triangular jaws (mandibles). Caterpillars use these to eat leaves.</p>   |
|  <p>@KinderCrafts.com</p>               | <p>Glue the head to the caterpillar.</p> <p><b>Optional:</b> Make a nice, tasty leaf for your caterpillar to eat and rest on.</p> <p><b>Optional:</b> Tie a string to your caterpillar's head and another one to the other end so you can use it as a puppet; you can use your puppet as you read "The Very Hungry Caperpillar."<br/>(Thanks to Jacki P. in England for the wonderful puppet idea!)</p> |