

Catch The Reading Bug 2007-Week Seven

Sub-theme: Bugs Bugs!

Title: Wings, Stings and Leggy Things

Age: 10 - 12 year olds

Duration: 45 - 60 minutes

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Materials/Supplies:

- Markers
- Pencil crayons
- Scissors
- Scotch tape

Procedure:

1. Welcome
2. Introduction of theme
3. **Book talk suggestion # 1:**
How do flies walk upside down? – by Melvin and Gilda Berger

Go through some of the questions in the book, asking what the children think the answers are first. Make sure to show the pictures as well.

4. **Game:**
Fruit Fly Salad

Have the group of young people sit on chairs in a circle, with one person standing in the centre of the circle of chairs. There should be **one less chair** than people. Everyone is labeled in a sequence of **three** different types of insect i.e. **fly, ant, cricket**, fly, ant, cricket, etc. until all are named. Then when the person in the middle calls out one of the insects, the kids have to change places with the others with the same insect name. The person in the middle has to try and get a seat once he has called out an insect name. The person left in the middle calls out the next name. The person in the middle of the circle can also call out **fruit fly salad** and **everyone** must move.

5. **Book talk suggestion #2:**
Bug Faces – By Darlyne A. Murawski

6. **Activity :**

Unscramble These Insects – See and print sheet after Resources

Hand out sheets and give some time to work them out. Go over them and talk about answers.

7. **Book Talk Suggestion #3:**

Insects and Spiders – by Matthew Robertson

8. **Insect Jokes:**

see and print out question and answer sheets from -
<http://sciencespot.net/Media/adinsjokes.pdf>

Read some jokes from sheet. Ask if anyone knows any others.
Could hand out sheets to take home.

9. **Craft:**

Insect Finger Puppet suggestion – Print off copies of top-down drawings of insects from <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/classrm/wingleg/WingsStings.pdf> . There are some good drawings there for finger puppets. I tried the lady bug. The children can colour it and cut it out. Then make a tube from a rectangle of paper about 3 x 1 ½ inches (8 x 4 cm). Roll and tape it together to make a tube and then use double sided tape or roll a piece of tape with the sticky side out to stick to the bottom of the insect. It then can be put on a finger or pencil.

11. Prize draws and closing

Resources:

Books:

Berger, Melvin and Gilda. (1999). How do flies walk upside down?. New York, NY: Scholastic Inc.

Murawski, Darlyne A. (2000). Bug Faces. Washington, D. C.: National Geographic Society

Robertson, Matthew. (2000). Insects and Spiders. Reader's Digest Pathfinders. Pleasantville, NY: Reader's Digest Children's Publishing, Inc.

Websites:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources. In Wings, stings and leggy things insects of Illinois. <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/classrm/wingleg/home.htm>

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

Unscramble These Insects

1. Everywhere a ___ goes, it leaves germs. l y f
2. ___ make wax and honey and live in hives. e b s e
3. ___ feed off the blood of many animals, including cats, dogs and even humans. e s l f a
4. ___ eat wood. s t m e i r e t

5. You might see a _____ after dark, because it glows. y f r e u l f

6. _____ are red or yellow in color, have 2-24 black spots and eat aphids. g s d y a u l b

7. _____ begin their lives as caterpillars. t f u i e b e t l r s

8. _____ usually live near freshwater streams and ponds and eat mosquitoes. o n g f s i r a d l e

10. _____ are well camouflaged as twigs or sticks. i w s k l a t g k n c s i

10. _____ resemble a leaf and their song slows down as the temperature gets colder. i a t k s d y d

11. _____ live in colonies, build hills and always enjoy a good picnic lunch. s a t n

12. _____ live everywhere people do, and their bite causes an itchy red bump. u s m o q s t i e o

13. _____ are usually black or brown in color, resemble a grasshopper and chirp. k t c e s r c i

14. _____ are known to sting, have wings and pollinate flowers. p s w a s

15. _____ may be found on a human's head and cause itching. c e l l