

Busy Buzzy Bugs

As the kids come in, give them a take home booklet for their stamps. As they go to each station, they will get a sticker.

1. **Nametags-** Alphabet of bugs from Publisher clipart. Kids will choose the bug on the letter that their first name starts with. Letter Knowledge

2. **Little Miss Muffet** - Pocket sort. Have 2 identical laminated picture sets. One set is glued on the front of a pocket on a board. The kids will line up the story in the right order and then put the matching picture in the right pocket. Narrative Skills Definitions: **Curds** - the part of milk that makes lumps. It is used to make cheese. **Whey** - the watery part of milk that separates from the curds.

Little Miss Muffet

Traditional nursery rhyme

Little Miss Muffet,
Sat on her tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey,
Along came a spider,
Who sat down beside her,
And frightened
Miss Muffet away.

Little Miss Muffet (Alternative)

Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey.
Along came a spider,
Who sat down beside her,
And when he saw Miss Muffet,
He screamed AAAAAAH!
And quickly ran away.

3. **Itsy Bitsy Spider** - Have kids make spiders out of 4 pipe cleaners tied together with elastic string. Have them use other words to describe the actions such as the very timid spider, very happy, very biggest, most gigantic, big enormous, most stupendous, astronomic, very little, teeny-tiny, eency weency, little dinky, miniature, silly-nilly, wacky, overactive as they dance the spider on the overhead projector. Vocabulary

The Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout.
Down came the rain, and washed the spider out.
Out came the sun, and dried up all the rain
And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again.

4. **A Flea and A Fly** - Draw a flea and a fly on beach balls. Attach a box, open at both ends, to a wall or post for a flue. Have kids try to fly the flea or the

fly down the flue. Phonological Awareness Alliteration. Definition: Flue - A pipe such as a fireplace chimney.

A Flea and a Fly

A flea and a fly
Flew up in a flue.
Said the flea, "Let us fly!"
Said the fly, "Let us flee!"
So they flew through a flap in the flue.

5. Fiddle Dee Dee - Copy poem (uses rebuses) Make stick puppets with fly and bee. Print Motivation



Fiddle Dee Dee

Fiddle  dee dee, fiddle  dee dee,

The fly  has married  the bumblebee. 

Said the fly , said he, 

"Will you  marry  me, 

And live with me  sweet bumble bee?" 

Fiddle  dee dee, fiddle  dee dee,

The fly  has married  the bumblebee. 

6. Color Butterflies - Box with rhyming objects, pictures and words, have them match the rhyming words. Garden bed-red, two-blue, seen-green, fellow-yellow, too-you, long-belong, sight-delight. Phonological Awareness

Color Butterflies

The first to come to the garden bed
Is a lovely butterfly of brilliant red.
Then in comes another and that makes two,
Fly right in, my friend of blue.
"The garden is fine, the best I've seen,"
Says the butterfly of springtime green.
Our garden needs a sunshiny fellow,
Fly in, butterfly with wings of yellow.
Little friend of purple fly in too,
This garden is waiting for a color like you.
Orange, orange, you've waited so long,
Fly right in where you belong.
Butterflies, butterflies, you're such a sight,
Flying together-a springtime delight!

7. Butterfly Book

White copy paper, wing pattern, markers, scissors, thin ribbon.

Fold the white paper in half at the dotted line and cut out the wing using the pattern. The two wings will form the front and the back of the book. Use markers to decorate the wings. Using the cover as a pattern cut four more butterflies for the inner pages of the book. Tie the booklet together with the ribbon having the ends stick out the top to make antennae. Print Awareness

Flutter, Flutter Butterfly (Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Flutter, flutter, butterfly,
Floating in the summer sky.
Floating by for all to see,
Floating by so merrily.
Flutter, flutter, butterfly,
Floating in the summer sky.

8. Beetle - Coloring page of Colorado Potato Beetle.

www.first-school.ws/t/cp_animals/insects/beetle-colorado-potato.htm

Talk about the vocabulary (armor, toughest) More words - armor - metal clothes, covering, guard, protection. Toughest - strongest, hardest, boldest, rugged.

The Beetle

Beetle, beetle up in the tree,
Fly down and show your armor to me!
Shiny brown, black, or green,
You're the toughest bug I've ever seen!

9. **The Ants Go Marching** - Have pictures mixed up on board
(magnetic or felt board) Have kids match numbers with items.
Have music playing. Narrative Skills

The Ants Go Marching

The ants go marching one by one,
Hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching one by one
Hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching one by one
The little one stops to suck his thumb
And they all go marching down to the ground
To get out of the rain Boom, Boom, Boom

The ants go marching two by two...

Two...tie his shoe...
Three...climb a tree...
Four...shut the door...
Five...take a dive...
Six...pick up sticks...
Seven...pray to heaven...
Eight...shut the gate...
Nine...check the time...
Ten...say "THE END"

10. **Bumble Bee** Make a bee and then have kids land the bee on nose,
toes, etc. Print motivation.

Bumble Bee (Tune: Jingle Bells)

Bumble bee, bumble bee,
Landing on my nose.
Bumble bee, bumble bee,
Now he's on my toes.
On my arms, on my legs,

On my elbows.
Bumble bee, oh bumble bee,
He lands and then he goes.

11. **Lady Bug** Make a book with one line per page, have kids draw pictures to go with text. Call attention to left to right and top to bottom progression of the text. Print Awareness

Lady Bug

Lady bug, lady bug, don't fly away.
My roses have aphids, I beg you to stay;
Your house is not burning, your children are fine,
Lady bug, lady bug, sit down and dine.

12. **ZZZZZ "Z"** Sewing cards. Letter knowledge

ZZZZZ

The firefly at night goes zzzz, zzzz, zzzz,
Zzzz,zzzz,zzzz,zzzz,zzzz,zzzz
The firefly at night goes zzzz,zzzz,zzz,
All around my yard.
The bees in the flowers go buzz...

Skills

Letter Knowledge

Alphabet Bugs Nametags

ZZZZ (craft "Z" sewing card) Firefly sticker

Narrative Skills

Little Miss Muffet Pocket Story Spider sticker

The Ants Go Marching Magnetic Board and Music Ant sticker

Vocabulary

Itsy Bitsy Spider (craft spider) Overhead projector Spider sticker

Beetle Coloring Page - Colorado Potato Beetle Beetle sticker

Phonological Awareness

A Flea and A Fly - Alliteration Flea sticker

Color Butterflies - matching words that rhyme Butterfly sticker

Print Motivation

Fiddle Dee Dee Rebus (craft bee and fly) Fly sticker
Bumble Bee Craft (bee) Bee sticker

Print Awareness

Flutter, Flutter Butterfly Book Butterfly sticker
Ladybug Book Ladybug sticker

Things for kids to take home

Booklet of rhymes, stickers
Nametag
Spider
Fly and Bee Stick Puppets
Butterfly Book
Coloring page of Colorado Potato Beetle
Bee
Ladybug Book
"Z" Sewing card

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Web Resources

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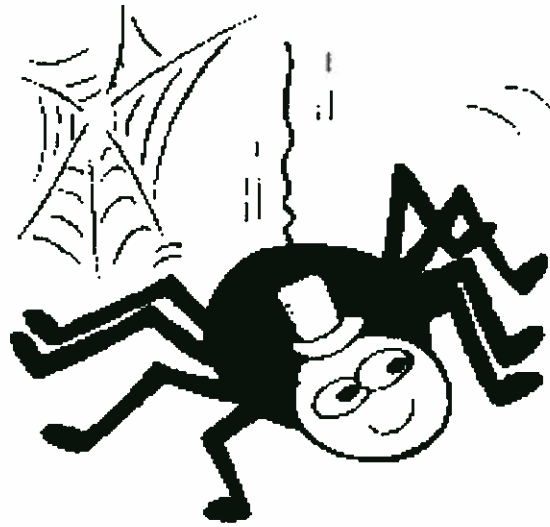
2. Little Miss Muffet

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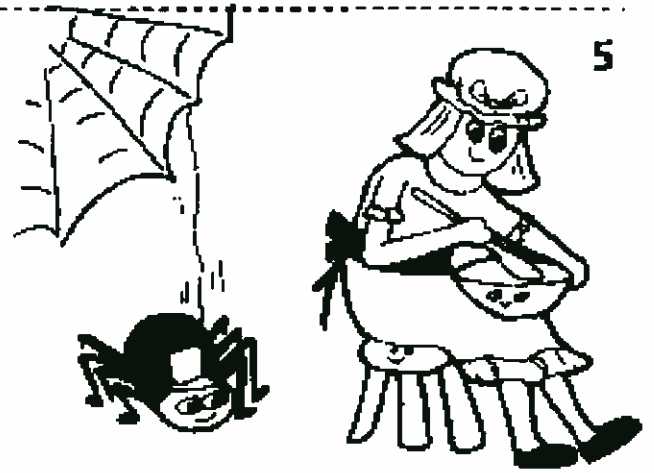
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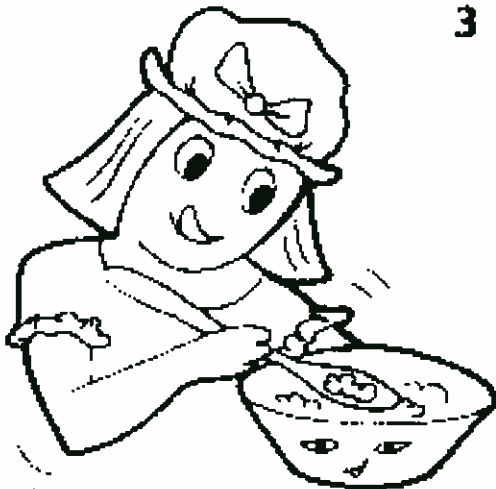
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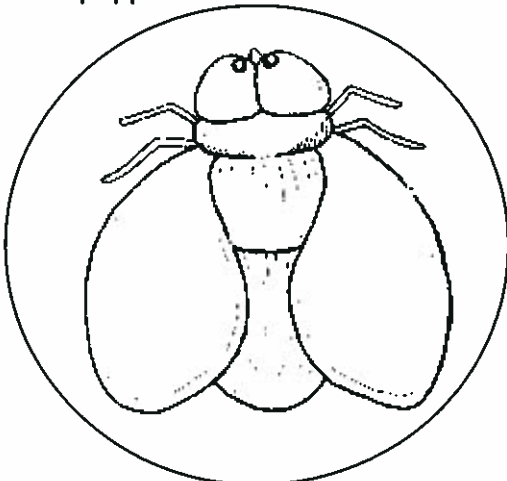
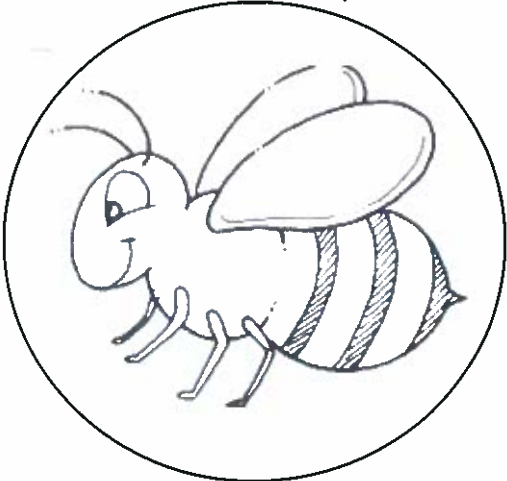
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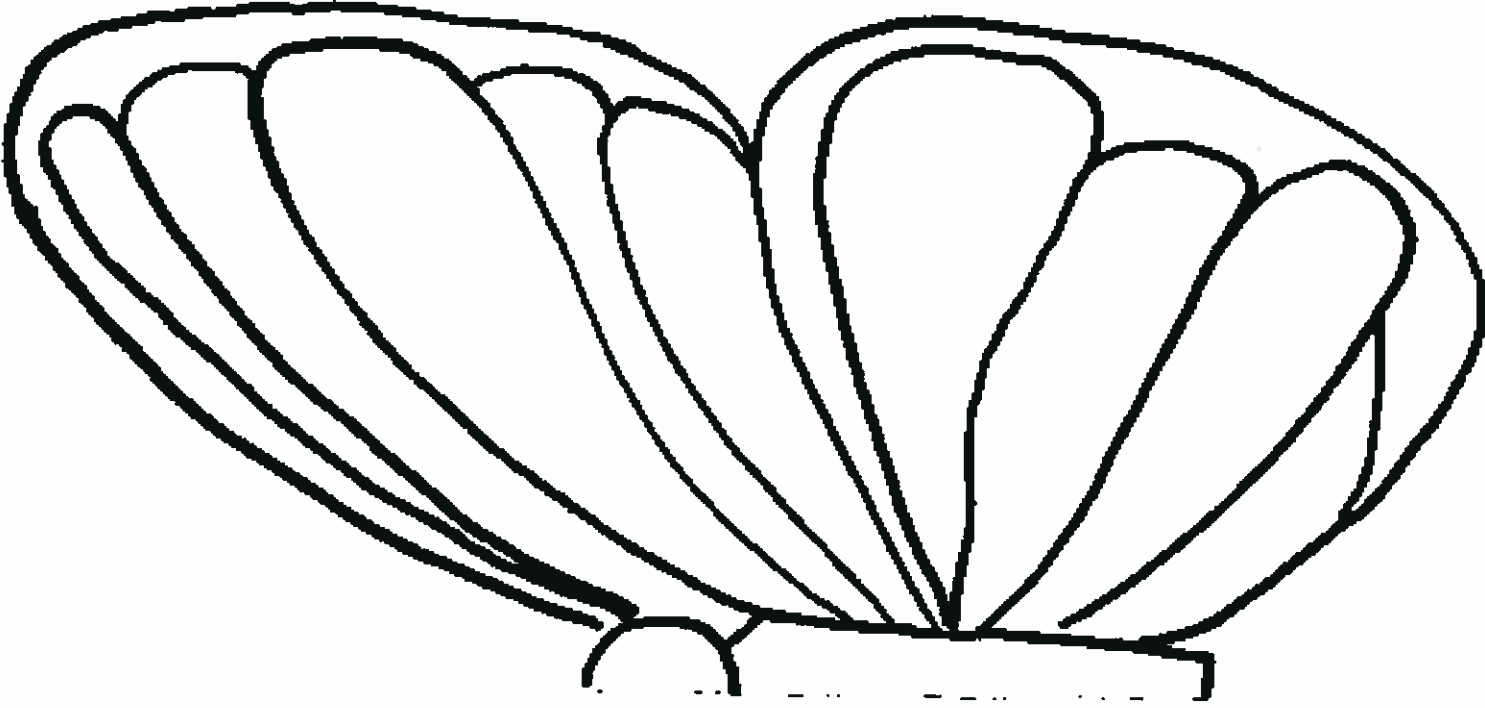


Little Miss Muffet

5.Fiddle Dee Dee – patterns for bee and fly stick puppets.



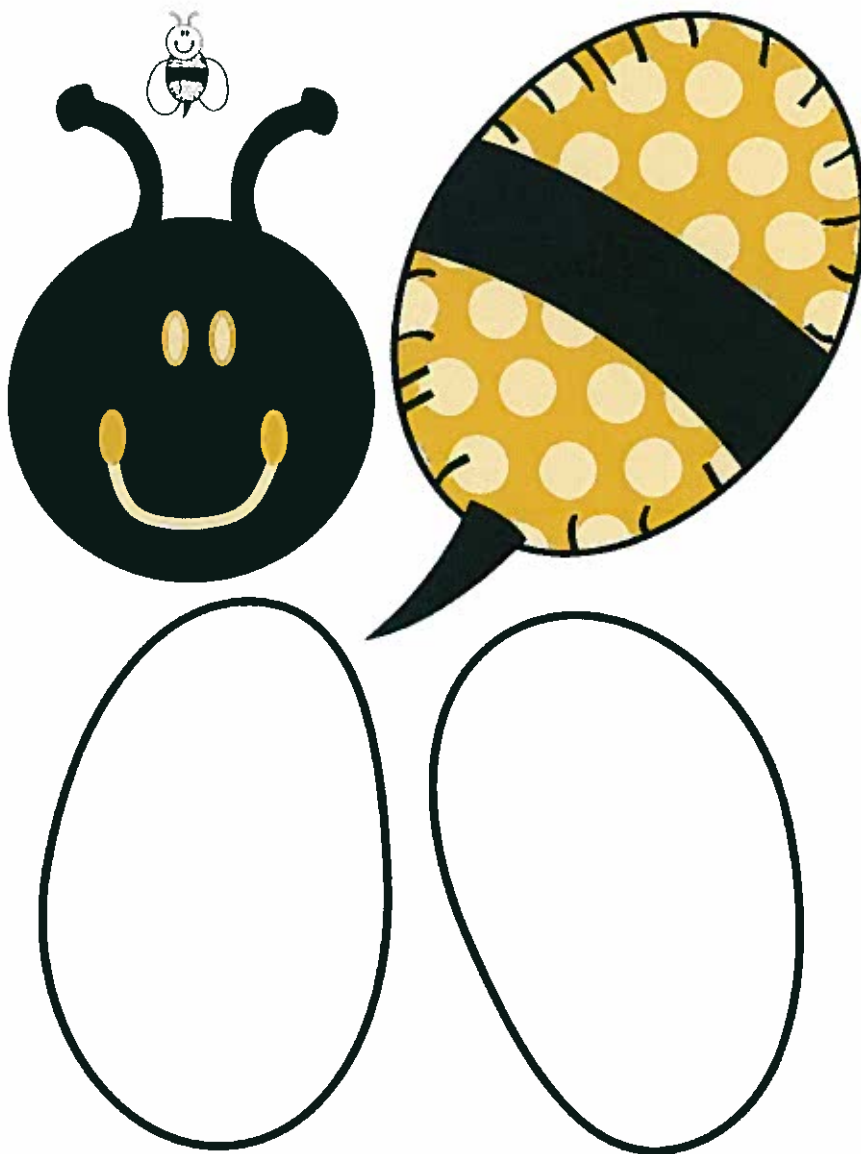
7. Butterfly book





8. Colorado Potato Beetle

10. Bumble Bee



12. ZZZZ Sewing Cards

