

# Busy Buzzy Bugs

## An Early Literacy Program

Fort Collins Regional Library District  
2008 Summer Reading Program  
Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library



At each station, ask for a sticker and put it in a box below.

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Dear Parents:

I hope you and your child enjoy being a part of our 2008 Summer Reading Program—Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library. The activities for Busy Buzzy Bugs were designed not only for you and your child to have fun, but to show you some ideas for incorporating the six early literacy skills from Every Child Ready to Read.

Included in this booklet are the rhymes and songs that we used in the program. Research shows that children learn from repetition so please use these rhymes and songs with your child. Not all of the ideas can be used for every child. Some of the activities may be hard for your child. Because this program is designed for children ages 2-5, please use the rhymes and songs that work with your child now and try the others as they grow. Thank you for helping your child today. We know that parents are their child's first and most important teacher. If you need more ideas, please ask at the Children's desk at either the Main or Harmony Library.

*Vicky*



***ZZZZZ***

The firefly at night goes zzzz, zzzz, zzzz,  
Zzzz, zzzz, zzzz, zzzz, zzzz, zzzz

The firefly at night goes zzzz, zzzz, zzzz,  
All around my yard.

The bees in the flowers go buzz, buzz, buzz,  
Buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz.

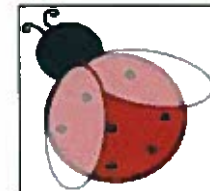
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All around my yard.

Letter Knowledge

### **Lady Bug**

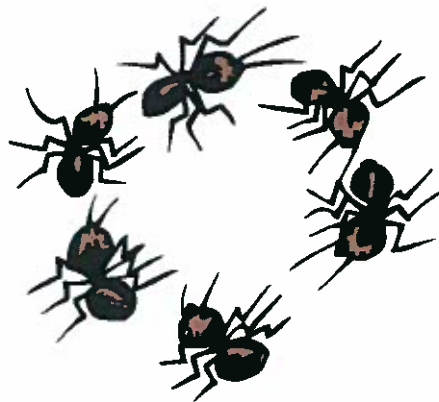
Lady bug, lady bug, don't fly away.  
My roses have aphids, I beg you to stay;  
Your house is not burning, your children are fine,  
Lady bug, lady bug, sit down and dine.

Print Awareness



## 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"  
Narrative Skills



## Little Miss Muffet

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.  
Narrative Skills

## 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.  
Vocabulary

## 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.  
Phonological Awareness—Alliteration

## 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. 

Print Motivation

## Flutter, Flutter Butterfly

(tune: 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.

Print 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 sunny 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!  
Phonological Awareness

## 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!  
Vocabulary

## 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.

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