

Bugs Activities for Monday

On the Move

Fly Swatter Bubbles

There are bubble flies everywhere! Use your fly swatter to get rid of them as quickly as you can.

Materials:

- Bubble solution or liquid soap and water
- Fly Swatter
- Shallow plastic container or plate

Instructions:

1. Pour bubble solution or liquid soap and water mixture into a flat container.
2. Have your toddler dip their fly swatter into the bubble solution, then wave it back and forth.
3. Explain that the bubbles are flies, and to swat as many as they can.

Adventures Online

Name that Bug

How many bugs do you know? Watch the video and see how many you already knew and learn more.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnsBMUzZUAs>

As you watch the video repeat and extend what your child says to help expand their knowledge and vocabulary.

Sensory Time

Foam Dough

Your bugs will leave a lasting impression in this smooth textured foam dough.

Materials:

- 2 C. Shaving Cream
- 1 C. Corn Starch
- Mixing bowl and spoon
- Food coloring (optional)
- Plastic bugs or other small objects that you can pretend are bugs

Instructions:

1. Add shaving cream to the bowl.
2. Add a few drops of food coloring (optional)
3. Add the cornstarch
4. Use your hands to knead the dough (your toddler can help with this part!)

Encourage your child to make imprints of the bugs on to the dough.

Enhance this activity by giving your child plastic cookie cutters and other child safe items to make impressions in the dough. Talk about the shapes and sizes of the imprints the objects make.

Story Time

Your Turn! My Turn!

Use Serve and Return, otherwise known as back and forth exchanges, during story time. As you're reading stop and ask questions, then wait for your child to respond. Repeat what your child says and expand on it. For example "What kind of bug is that?" (point to a lady bug, wait for your child to label it) "Yes, it's a lady bug! Lady bugs have dots on their wings."

You can also take turns holding the book, passing the book back and forth and taking turns “reading” or labeling pictures.

This resource explains this concept more:

<https://app.coxcampus.org/resourcelibrary/detail/5824bd25c99fd82000bdef43>

Arts and Creativity

Bug Songs and Fingerplays

Try these fun songs and fingerplays with your toddler!

“Itsy Bitsy Spider”

Using your fingers, show your toddler how to move your index finger to the opposite hand’s thumb to create a “spider.” Here are the lyrics, and the tune and a cute video can be found here:

https://youtu.be/w_ICi8U49mY

Itsy Bitsy Spider:

The Itsy Bitsy Spider climbed 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 climbed up the spout again.

“The Firefly at Night”

Have fun teaching your toddler all the sounds that bugs make with this song sang to the tune of “The Wheels on the Bus!”

The Firefly at Night

The firefly at night goes blink blink blink, blink blink blink

The firefly at night goes blink blink blink, blink blink blink all night long!

The yellow bumblebee goes buzz buzz buzz, buzz buzz buzz buzz, buzz buzz buzz, The yellow bumblebee goes buzz buzz buzz, buzz buzz buzz buzz, buzz buzz buzz, all through the flowers!

Have fun experimenting and creating your own lyrics!