

JULY 2022

Family Newsletter

Happy
INDEPENDENCE
Day!

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY to all our friends and families. We hope you enjoy the long weekend!

We are now halfway through 2022 and it's a good time to pause, reflect and begin to plan the second half of the year. Have you made changes that you need to share with the center? A new job, email, or phone number? Is your emergency contact information up to day? Small changes can have big a impact on your child's care. Please take a minute to inform the center about these important updates.

But before summer slips away, we turn our attention outdoors. This July instead of looking up, we are going to look down. There is an entire world at our toes. Enjoy some time reading our bug-themed books (*left*) or consider the rhyming patterns of CHARLES GHIGNA's bug poetry.

LADYBUG, LADYBUG

*Ladybug, Ladybug,
I beg your pardon,
Would you please come
And play in my garden?*

*Come take a sip
Of the sweet morning dew
That sits on soft petals
Just waiting for you.*

*For lunch there are aphids
And other fine dishes --
Sweet treats to please you,
All so delicious.*

*I think you'll enjoy
The evening perfume
As you curl up inside
The bed of a bloom.*

BUTTERFLIES ARE BASHFUL

*They dance about in and out
All around the garden spout.*

*I wish that one would come and land
Upon my shoulder or my hand.*

*Like rainbows make of little wings
Butterflies are bashful things!*

July Book List

Backyard Bugs

by Jill McDonald

Are You a Ladybug?

by Judy Allen

Worm Weather

by Jean Taft

Bug Alphabet

by Mrs. Peanuckle

Fireflies in the Night

by Judy Hawes

Five Bizzy Honey Bees

by Lance Douglas

The Bug Book

by Sue Fliess

The Grouchy Ladybug

by Eric Carle

Bedtime Bugs

by David A. Carter

I Love Bugs!

by Philemon Sturges

Builder Bugs: A Busy Pop-up Book

by David A. Carter



Early Learning
Academies

For
Grins



Where would
you put an
injured insect?

(Answer on page 2)



BRINGING IT HOME



RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

Bug Snacks

These fun, healthy, and dare we say ADORABLE bug snacks are a great way to involve your kids in the kitchen and put a smile on their face.

SOME INGREDIENT IDEAS:

SAVORY

- Celery sticks
- Cream cheese
- Cherry tomatoes
- Cucumber
- Chives
- Black olives

SWEET

- Celery sticks
- Peanut/seed butter
- Grapes, blueberries or raisins
- Kiwi or strawberry slices
- Mini-chocolate chips

TO CREATE:

Spread cream cheese or seed butter into celery slice. Use grapes or cherry tomatoes to create heads. Cucumber or kiwi slices make wings, with chive antennas and black olive or mini-chip eyes. Ants on a log are always a good option too!



Clean Food Crush

Shoo-Fly Activity

We all know the song... "Shoo-Fly, don't bother me" but did you know that flies only have two wings and can fly upside down, side to side, and even backwards! They also have hairy, sticky feet which allows them to walk on any surface – even the ceiling.

Here is a fun activity to practice shape or color recognition.

MATERIALS:

- Paint & paper plate
- Fly swatter
- Blank paper
- Draw "flies" on blank paper – you can draw in different COLORS or SHAPES to practice specific recognition skills
- Pour paint onto a paper plate then dip the fly swatter fully
- Use instructions to swat the bees by color or shape.
- Observe: what happens when you use only a little paint? A lot of paint?
- This activity can get MESSY – perfect for outdoors



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Developmental Milestones

SHOWING EMPATHY

For children, empathy is an emotional and cognitive journey. Around two years of age, children will start to show early signs of understanding empathy. By three years old, they can use the emotion in the correct context. Comforting a peer who is upset or helping a friend who is struggling are the beginning stages of showing empathy for children. Encourage your child to talk about their feelings and what makes them happy. When they understand their own emotions, they can relate to others. This will help give them the tools they need to be empathetic towards others.



For Grins Answer: In an antulance!