

Wee R Kids Provider News

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Dear Providers:

This month will be Lynda's and my final month at Wee R Kids, I wanted to say goodbye to you all and thank you for your kind wishes and for making my time here memorable.

I would like to introduce you personally to Donna, the new Coordinator. She will be coming out on visits with me this month. As for the new visitor, we are still hiring for that position, the new person should be starting in August.

Please make sure to welcome the new ladies to the team. It was nice getting to know you all. Have a wonderful August and a great year.

Angel

Upcoming

Statutory Holidays

Heritage Day

August 1, 2011

Providers receive this day off and the office will be closed.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday ~ Friday

8:00am ~ 4:30pm

Reminder:

Most Fridays there is only one staff member in the office. Please call ahead if you need to see us.



What do you suppose?
A bee sat on my nose.
Then what do you think?
He gave me a wink
And said, "I beg your
pardon, I thought you
were the garden."



Cooking Activities



Ants On A Log

You will need:

Celery Sticks
Cheese Wiz or Cream Cheese
Raisins

Give the children each a plate with a few celery pieces on it. Allow the children to spread cheese onto the celery. Allow children to place their "ants" (raisins) onto their "logs." Then enjoy!

Grape Caterpillars

You will need:

Green Grapes
Carrot strips
Swiss Cheese

Pre-cut grapes in half, Carrots into strips and cheese into slices. Allow children to build their caterpillars. Grapes are their body, cheese the legs and the carrots are their antennae.

Art Activities

Bug Swatting

You will need:

Fly swatters
Large paper
Paint
Paint Shirts



Because this is a very messy craft, make sure to ask parents to send the children some old clothes or even an old shirt of their own that they can wear.

Enlarge some pictures of bugs on very large sheets of paper. Place them on the grass or cement in the backyard. Put out all kinds of paint colours and allow the children to dip the swatters into the paint and "swat" the drawings.

This is such a fun craft, but maybe some water play to wash off will be in order afterwards.

Bug Creation

You will need:

Different shapes of pre-cut paper
Glue
Paper
Crayons



Allow the children to take any shape and amount of paper cut-outs and glue them onto their sheet. Encourage them to make their own kind of bug. They can make one that they have seen before or they can even invent on of their own.

Once they are done creating the creature, allow the children to colour a habitat for their bug friend. You can take the time to ask them where would your bug live, what would it eat, would it have friends or family? Each creation should be unique and this should be a wonderfully fun activity.



Songs & Finger Plays

The 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,
So the itsy, bitsy spider went up the spout again.



Gross Motor Activity

What Kind of Bug Are You?

During circle time, have the children name the kinds of bugs that they know, you can even have a photo of many types of bugs. Have a child choose what kind of bug they would like to be. Each child can take turns standing up and imitating their bug. What bugs crawl, which ones fly, do some hop?



You can even continue this activity on your daily walk. Have the children look for bugs and then they can imitate our bug friends out in the wild.



Bug Song

(Sung to the tune of "If You're Happy & You Know It")

Oh, I wish I were an eensy-weensy spider.
Yes, I wish I were an eensy-weensy spider.
I'd go "creepy-creepy-crawly" down your hall
and up your "wall-y!"

Oh, I wish I were an eensy-weensy spider.

Oh, I wish I were a yellow honeybee.

Yes, I wish i were a yellow honeybee.

I'd go "buzzy-buzzy-buzzy" and my stripes
would all be fuzzy!

Oh, I wish I were a yellow honeybee.

Oh, I wish you were a wiggly caterpillar.

Yes, I wish I were a wiggly caterpillar.

I'd go "munchy-munchy-munchy." All the
leaves would be my "lunch-y"!

Oh, I wish i were a wiggly caterpillar.

Oh, I wish I were a small red army ant.

Yes, i wish i were a small red army ant.

I'd go "trompy-trompy-trompy" over hills and
through the "swamp-y"!

Oh, I wish i were a small red army ant.

Oh, I wish i were a hungry little skeeter.

Yes, I wish i were a hungry little skeeter.

I'd go "bitey-bitey-bitey" when you went out-
side at "night- y"!

Oh, I wish i were a hungry little skeeter.



Just Joking

Q: What goes zzub, zzub?

A: A bee flying backwards.

Bug Pick Up**Math Activity**

Using toy bugs found at the dollar store as well as plastic tongs, allow the children to pick bugs up, count them and place them in a plastic jar. This is a great math, science or fine motor activity for children. You can do this inside or out, you can even add all of the elements to the sand or water table to make it even more fun.

**Science Activity****To Catch a Bug**

You can find some really great butterfly nets and magnifying glasses at the dollar stores. On your daily yard play bring out your nets and magnifying glasses, have the children grab whatever tool they would like to use. Help them to look for bugs of all types.

Make sure to teach the children to be gentle with the little bugs as we do not want to hurt them, just learn from them. Also make sure to remember that some children are very scared of bugs. If they do not wish to join in, that is fine, have something else for them to play with.

If you catch a bug, make sure to show it to all of the children and then, show them how to return the bug friend to their home.

**Dr. Bug**

Collect plastic
Rubber bugs
Magnifying glasses
Plastic cups,
Rubber gloves
White coats
Table

Dramatic Play Activity

Set up an entomologist centre. Allow the children to play in the centre as they would like. Allow the children to explore all of the areas of the centre. You can also read books and maybe find a great video to share with the children about people who work with bugs.



Just Joking

Q: Why wouldn't they let the butterfly into the dance?

A: Because it was a moth-ball



August Visits:

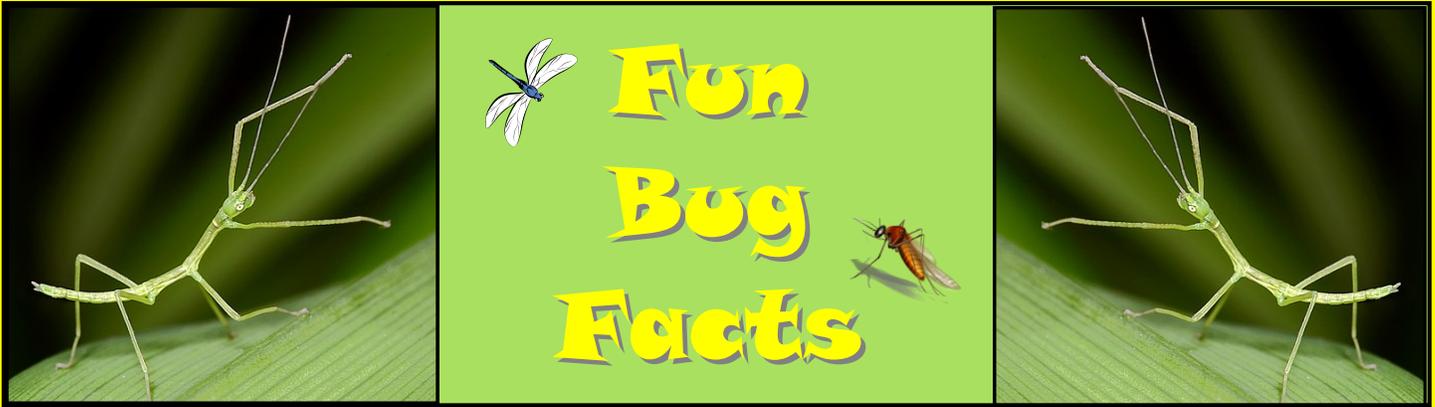
I will be bringing out the new staff to your homes this month for training. Please be aware that visits may be longer because of training. We will not be doing FCCERS during these visits, but please make sure to walk through the paperwork as I will ask some questions about it while I am out. Thanks so much, see you all soon!

Angel

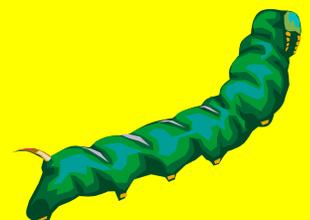
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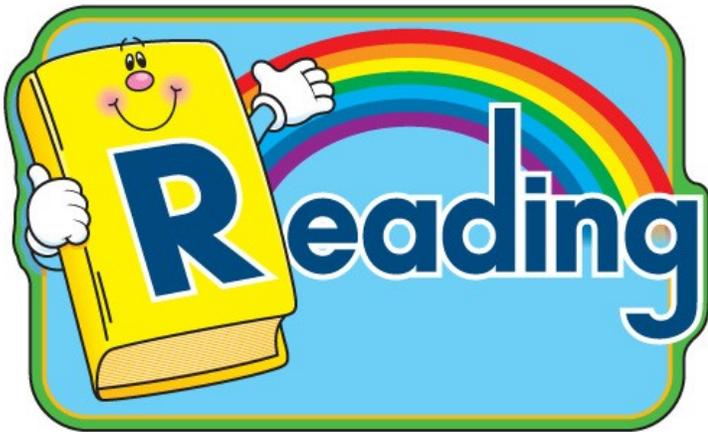
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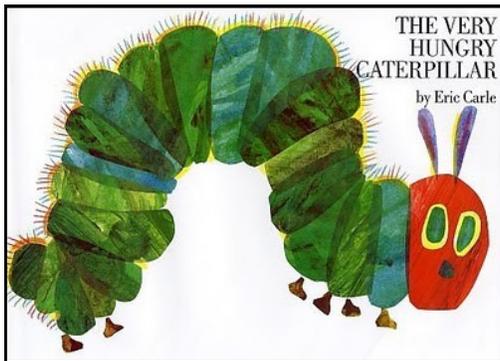


- Ants can lift 50 times their body weight.
- Bees can lift 300 times their body weight.
- The average mosquito has 47 teeth.
- The female mosquito's uses its proboscis to suck our blood. The males don't bite!
- There are grasshoppers that can draw blood with a kick.
- Butterflies and moths are found on all land masses except in Antarctica.
- Praying mantids are among the few insects which can rotate their heads.
- There are about 20,000 different insect species in Alberta.
- Flies taste with their feet.
- The fastest known insect is the dragon fly, it has been clocked at 97 km an hour.
- The heaviest insect in the world is the Goliath beetle from Africa, a male can weigh up to 100 grams.
- A cockroach can live up to nine days without its head.
- A flea can jump 130 times its own height.
- Butterflies get their name from the brimstone butterfly of Europe that is first seen in early spring, "butter" season.
- A lady bug's life span is 2-3 years in the wild.
- Lady bugs are found in every area of the world except the arctic regions.
- Cockroaches carry their babies in little pouches similar to a kangaroo.
- Scorpions can live for more than a year without eating.
- Mosquitoes must dilute our blood with their saliva before they drink it, it is their saliva that makes us itch.
- Flea larvae pupate in a silken cocoon on the ground before they become fleas.
- Beetles make up the largest order of living things. 290,000 known species worldwide.
- Fireflies are beetles.
- Beetles are popular pets in Japan and can be bought in department stores.
- 90% of the world's animals are insects.
- 30% of the weight of all animals in the rainforests are made up of ants.
- Most stick insects are female.
- Worker bees visit more than 2000 flowers each day.
- A lady bug's bright colour tells other bugs that they don't taste very good.





Corner



The Very Hungry Caterpillar

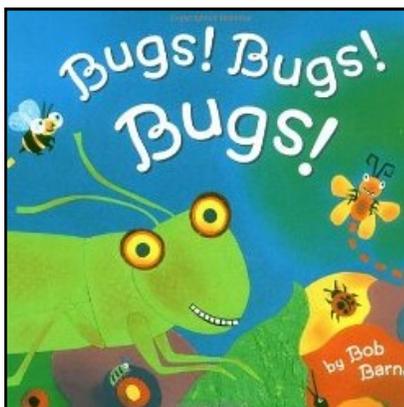
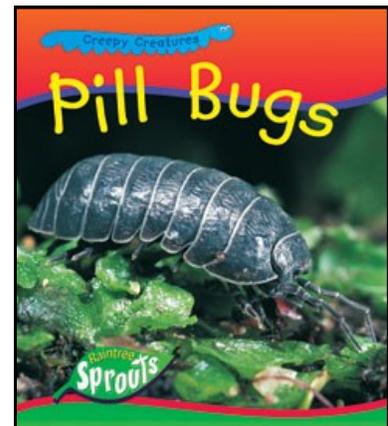
By Eric Carle

A very hungry caterpillar eats lots of different delicious treats throughout the week so he can become a beautiful butterfly!

Pill Bugs

By Monica Hughes

Children love getting a close-up look at fascinating creatures in the world around them. This series allows them to get up close and personal with some of these creepy creatures that they can find in parks, gardens and even their own home. Each book identifies the main physical features of each bug including what they eat, how they change, and how they reproduce.



Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!

By Bob Barner

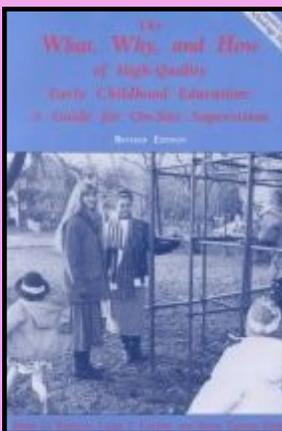
In language simple enough to appeal to toddlers, the whimsical rhyming text describes buzzing bees, fuzzy caterpillars, hopping grasshoppers, fluttering butterflies, and curly roly-poly bugs. The cut-paper collage illustrations vibrate with color, showing a busy world full of big-eyed, smiling insects that seem ready to crawl off the page.

The Reading Corner - Staff Resources

Because Life Goes On

By The Government of Canada

This is a Health Canada publication intended to reach out to Canadian families in need of information and resources to help their children to live through the process of separation and divorce. This booklet is also designed to assist professionals in such fields as social services, health, justice and education, in their work with chil-



The What, Why and How Of High Quality ECE

By Derry G Koalek, Laura J. Colker & Diane Trister Dodge

An invaluable tool for the director/supervisor striving to identify what aspects of an early childhood program need improvement, this book gives staff feedback that really alters their practice. It is equally useful in helping teachers or caregivers take a thoughtful look at their own practices.

Lending Library

These are a sample of some of the wonderful things we have to borrow in our Lending Library. Check out our **Doll Toys** and our **Trucks and Blocks**. If you are in need of something different, please make sure to check our shelves out next time you visit with us.

