

STORY TIME @ HOME!

A NEW THEME
EVERY FRIDAY IN MAY

We will provide a list of theme appropriate books available on Hoopla; songs, rhymes and finger plays; and a craft to go with it!

WEEK ONE:



BOOKS

**IF YOU HAVE BOOKS AT HOME THAT FIT THE THEME
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE, INCLUDE OR SUBSTITUTE THEM!**

“Bug on a Bike”
by Chris Monroe

“Icky Bug Counting Book”
by Jerry Pallotta & Ralph Masiello

“We Love Bugs: 31 Classic Insect Poems for Kids”
by Calee M. Lee



“Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!”
by Bob Barner



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SONGS

Action Rhyme: “Bumblebee, Bumblebee”

Bumblebee, bumblebee
Landing on my nose
Bumblebee, bumblebee,
Now he’s on my toes
On my arms, on my legs,
On my elbows!
Bumblebee, bumblebee,
He lands and then he goes.

Song: “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.

(two, tie his shoe; three, climb a tree; four shut the door;
five, take a dive)

Rhyme: “Insects All Around”

Lady bugs and butterflies 
Buzzing bees up in the skies
Teeny, tiny little ants
Crawling up and down the plants 
Many insects can be found
In the sky and on the ground.



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CRAFT

MATERIALS NEEDED

- 4 pipe cleaners (regular or sparkly)
- 11 plastic pony beads
- 2 small googly eyes (optional)
- crafter's tape
- scissors



- Fold one pipe cleaner in half
- Add about 10 plastic beads onto the pipe cleaner half, leaving about an inch of pipe cleaner showing at the folded end so it looks like this:



- Take one of the other pipe cleaners and shape it into a circle, crossing over the ends by about 1/2 inch. Twist the ends over the pipe cleaner circle so they are secure and somewhat hidden. You'll have a continuous circle shape
- Push the top and bottom of the circle inwards until they meet. You don't have to twist them yet because we'll do that in the next step. Make sure the wings are the same size!



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- Slide the “wings” onto the dragonfly’s body (just like sliding a ring onto a finger) and center them so the wings are even on each side. Then, twist the wings two times as close to the body as you can get (while pinching the middle to hold it all in place.).
- Next, flip it over, and twist the wings twice on the other side (while pinching in the middle to hold it in place.).

If you’re confused by this step, click the link below, there is a helpful video.



- Take the third and final pipe cleaner and cut about 2 inches off from the end.
- Take the longer pipe cleaner piece (you don’t need the other small piece that you trimmed off), and cross over the ends by about 1/2 inch to make another circle. Just as before, twist the ends over the pipe cleaner circle so they are secure and somewhat hidden and you have a pipe cleaner circle shape.
- And again pinch the top and bottom of the circle together to make the wing shape (but don’t twist it yet).

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- Just as with the first set of wings, slide the body through the center of the smaller set of wings, then carefully twist the wings tightly on both sides of the body to hold them in place. The smaller set of wings should be closer to the dragonfly's tail.
- Bend and shape the pipe cleaners so they are even and shaped like wings, like in the photo below.



- Slide the final plastic pony bead onto the dragonfly's body so it lies on the head side of the wings.
- Finally, pinch the two loose ends of the dragonfly body together and carefully roll them into a spiral to make the dragonfly's head. Optional- add a couple googly eyes, securing with the crafter's tape!

WELL DONE!



RESOURCES:

- <https://onelittleproject.com/beaded-pipe-cleaner-dragonflies>
- <https://storytimekatie.com>