

Backyard Bugs Calendar

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Circle Time

LESSON 1

★ Carrying Pollen

CA 4a DRAMA
ATL 2b FLEXIBILITY & PLAY

Pretend to be bees moving pollen and building a bee hive with blocks.

Story Time

Picture Pointer Stick

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT
LLD 6a READING COMPREHENSION

Explore a book and point out pictures or words.

Creative Corner

Bee Bracelet

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS
SS 1c CULTURE & COMMUNITY

Make a bee bracelet and talk about differences.

Discovery Time

One Bug, Two Bugs

M 1a & M 1e NUMBER SENSE

Pull pompoms out of a cup and guess how many there are.

Music & Movement

Diamond Scarves

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT
SED 3b SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Use scarves to dance with friends and share space in a diamond.

LESSON 2

Colorful Flowers

SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Pretend to be bees and search for different-colored "flowers."

Where is the Bee?

LLD 6b READING COMPREHENSION
SS 4 HISTORY & SENSE OF TIME

Match characters to their picture in a book and talk about the order of events.

★ Bee Stickers

SED 1a SELF-AWARENESS
SED 3b SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Put stickers on different body parts and practice finding or naming the parts.

Honey Help Me

M 4a MEASUREMENT
SCI 1b INVESTIGATION & INQUIRY

Explore sponges and water, and talk about the weight of the bowl of water.

Dance with Respect

CA 2a DANCE & MOVEMENT

Listen for the word "respect" and follow movement prompts while dancing to a song.

LESSON 3

The Letter Y

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Learn the letter Yy and its sound through letter play and a song.

Sign Bee with Me

LLD 1a COMMUNICATION
LLD 3b PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Practice signing the word "bee" while listening to a story.

Beehive Stamping

CA 3a & CA 3b VISUAL ARTS

Use bubble wrap stamps to decorate a beehive paper.

Bees in a Hive

PD 2 FINE MOTOR
M 2b SPATIAL AWARENESS

Make playdough "bees" and follow positional directions.

★ Dance to Red

ATL 1a ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE
PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Listen to a color song and move around the room together based on the color named.

LESSON 4

Bee or Bear?

LLD 2d COMMUNICATION
PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Play a game of picking character cards and tossing pompoms.

Lola Meets the Bees

LLD 2a & LLD 2b COMMUNICATION

Read a book about bees and their hives and share experiences.

Bee Stripes

LLD 7a WRITING
CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

Make a bee with paper shapes and markers.

★ Fill the Hive

SED 4a P & SED 4b PROBLEM-SOLVING

Carry pompoms to an egg carton while practicing safe movements.

Pass the Bee

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Dance to a "bee" song and wave a beanbag.

LESSON 5

Rub Hands for Bee

LLD 1b LISTENING
CA 4a DRAMA

Listen for the words "bee" and "bear" in a story and follow movement prompts.

Hello, World! Backyard Bugs

LLD 3c PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Read a book about bugs and make bug sounds.

Bee in a Tree

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS
LLD 7a WRITING

Color freely and practice name writing.

★ Bug Puzzles

M 2a SPATIAL AWARENESS
SED 1c SELF-AWARENESS

Play with animal puzzles and mix and match the pieces to make silly animals.

Bee & Flower Signs

LLD 1a LISTENING

Listen to a story and practice signing "bee" and "flower."



Bug Homes Calendar



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Creative Corner

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Music & Movement

LESSON 6

The Letter Qq

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Learn the letter Qq and its sound through letter play and a song.

★ Follow the Bugs

LLD 6a & LLD 6b

READING COMPREHENSION

Follow a path while listening to a story.

Bugs in Grass

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

M 2a SPATIAL AWARENESS

Place bug stickers on their shadows.

Counting Ladybugs

M 1c NUMBER SENSE

Match and count "ladybug" pompoms on leaves.

Dance to Brown

ATL 1a ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Dance while holding onto or moving towards a ribbon.

LESSON 7

Nibble a Leaf

PD 5 NUTRITION

SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Play a game and nibble leaves like insects.

Bug Search

LLD 1a LISTENING

Read a book and identify pictures within.

★ Fingerprint Ants

LLD 7b WRITING

LLD 2c COMMUNICATION

Use fingerprint to make "ant" prints.

Caterpillar Measuring

M 4a MEASUREMENT

Measure objects using diamonds.

Diamond Dance

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

March and dance around a diamond while listening to a song.

LESSON 8

Ant Walk

LLD 2d COMMUNICATION

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Sign the word "ant" and carry a pompom ant while moving around.

★ Tracking Bugs

LLD 3c PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Read a book about insects and paths, and practice sounds and words.

Ladybug Headband

CA 4a DRAMA

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

Decorate a ladybug headband and pretend to be a ladybug.

Ants on a Log

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

ATL 1b ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Pick playdough ants out of a ball of dough.

Five Fuzzy Caterpillars

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Stretch and hold a yoga pose to music.



LESSON 9

Bug Match

LLD 2c & LLD 2d COMMUNICATION

Roll a cube and find the matching bugs.

Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!

LLD 7b WRITING

Read a book about bugs and create a bug picture.

Butterfly Wings

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

ATL 1a ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Paint glue onto a butterfly and press mosaic pieces on.

★ Bug Patterns

M 5 PATTERNS

M 6 CLASSIFICATION

Look at a color pattern and sort diamonds by color.

Bumblebee Beat

CA 1b MUSIC

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Play with shakers to the rhythm of a song.

LESSON 10

Step Over the Web

ATL 1b ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Step over a yarn spider web.

Little Wonders: Bugs

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Read a book about bugs and explore pictures and words.

Bug Paths

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

SCI 3a PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Color and push nature items along a path.

Chrysalis Wrap

SCI 2a NATURAL & EARTH SCIENCE

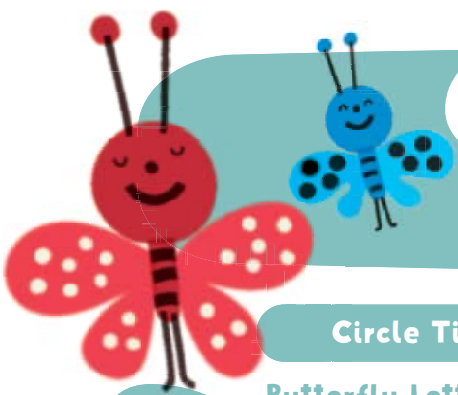
Wrap up in a blanket like a chrysalis and wiggle free to become a butterfly.

★ Ants Go Marching

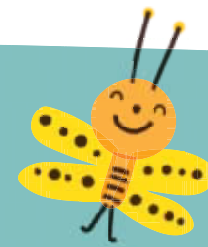
ATL 2a FLEXIBILITY & PLAY

Sign the words "ant" and "march" while listening to a song.





Camouflage Bugs Calendar



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Circle Time

Butterfly Letters

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Review all letters through letter play and a song.

LESSON
11

Story Time

Three Butterflies

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Turn the pages and run fingers along the words while reading a book.

Creative Corner

★ Butterfly Flower

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Peel butterfly stickers and put them on paper.

Discovery Time

Lost Caterpillars

M 6 CLASSIFICATION

Search for missing "caterpillars" and sort them by color.

Music & Movement

Colors in the Mirror

LLD 3b PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS
CA 1a MUSIC

Look in the mirror and watch how mouths move while singing and saying color words.

LESSON
12

★ Traveling Butterfly

M 2b SPATIAL AWARENESS

Put a butterfly in different places based on directions.

Butterfly Storytelling

LLD 6b READING COMPREHENSION

Listen to a story and identify characters as they are mentioned.

Butterfly Portrait

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

LLD 7a WRITING

Draw butterflies and self-portraits.

Butterfly Proboscis

M 4a MEASUREMENT

Squeeze and squirt water with eye droppers.

Butterfly Fly Around

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Pretend to be butterflies dancing on flowers.

LESSON
13

Move Like a Leaf Insect

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

SED 1a SELF-AWARENESS

Move from side to side like a leaf insect and identify body parts.

Butterfly Sign

LLD 1a LISTENING

Search for and sign the word "butterfly" while listening to a story.

Flower Stamping

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

Make flower stamps with paint, then pretend to plant and pick the flowers.

★ Where Is the Butterfly?

M 1a & M 1b NUMBER SENSE

Guess which numbered cup a butterfly is hiding under.

Raindrop Catch

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Toss, catch and pick up beanbags, pretending they are raindrops.



LESSON
14

★ Hungry Butterflies

M 1c NUMBER SENSE

Feed and count hungry butterflies.

The Bug Book

LLD 6a READING COMPREHENSION

Read and talk about the bugs in a book.

Caterpillar Collage

CA 3b VISUAL ARTS

Glue circles onto paper to create a caterpillar.

Butterfly Matching

M 6 CLASSIFICATION

Search for matching butterfly cards.

Clap for Respect

CA 1a MUSIC

SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Listen to a song and tap or clap along.

LESSON
15

Walking Sticks

CA 4a DRAMA

SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Pretend with sticks by acting like walking stick insects.

How to Hide a Butterfly

LLD 2c COMMUNICATION

Listen to a story and search for insects.

★ Butterfly

CA 4b DRAMA

SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Paint coffee filters to make butterflies and pretend the butterflies are flying around the room.

Butterfly Wing Press

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Roll out playdough and cut out heart shapes to make butterflies.

Butterfly Hands

LLD 1b LISTENING

Listen to a song and sign the words "butterfly" and "goodbye" as prompted.



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Story Time

Creative Corner

Discovery Time

Music & Movement

LESSON
16

Spider Similarities

SS 1c CULTURE & COMMUNITY
M 1a NUMBER SENSE

Count and pass spiders, then find similarities and differences with friends.

Spider Hide 'n Seek

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Lift sticky notes in a book and identify pictures or words.

★ W Is for Web

ATL 1b ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE
CA 3b VISUAL ARTS

Create yarn webs on the letter W while saying its sound.

Diamond Spiders

M 3 SHAPES
M 1c NUMBER SENSE

Match and count diamond shapes on a game board.

Hold Up Red

LLD 3b PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS
SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Listen to a song and lift the matching paper colors.

LESSON
17

★ Sun & Rain Signs

LLD 1b LISTENING
SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Learn and sign "sun" and "rain" while reading a story.

Bitsy Spider & Me

LLD 2c COMMUNICATION

Use Story Pieces and photos to retell "Itsy Bitsy Spider."

Watercolor Web

PD 2 FINE MOTOR
CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

Create spider webs by painting over painters tape.

Spider Toss

M 6 CLASSIFICATION

Toss pompoms into matching colored ribbon circles.

Pinch the Diamond

SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Practice finger control and rhythm with song cues.

LESSON
18

Spider Blocks

LLD 1b LISTENING
SED 3b SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Play with spider blocks using simple directions.

★ Spider Weather

SCI 2b NATURAL & EARTH SCIENCE

Read a book and find pictures of natural elements, then try to find them outside.

My Pet Spider

LLD 2b COMMUNICATION
CA 4a DRAMA

Paint and play with cup spiders using yarn.

Spider Leg Dough

PD 2 FINE MOTOR
SCI 1b INVESTIGATION & INQUIRY

Build playdough spiders with pipecleaner legs.

Sun Song Signs

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Sign "sun" and "rain" while listening to a song.

LESSON
19

★ Spider Letters

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Review all letters through letter play and a song.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

LLD 6b READING COMPREHENSION

Listen to a story and look for different objects in the book.

Sticker Spout

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Listen to a poem and decorate a spout scene with spider stickers.

Scooping Rain

M 4a MEASUREMENT
SCI 1a INVESTIGATION & INQUIRY

Scoop and pour water while comparing amounts.

Respect Roll

CA 1c MUSIC
SS 2a CIVICS & ECONOMICS

Roll and catch a ball while listening to a song.

LESSON
20

Lots of Feet

SS 3b GEOGRAPHY
SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Move together in a line like centipedes.

Inch by Inch

LLD 6a READING COMPREHENSION

Read a book about an inchworm and talk about measuring things.

Itsy Bitsy Rhyme

PD 3 SAFETY
CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

Color like a spider while making safe choices.

Counting Spiders

M 1c & **M 1d** NUMBER SENSE

Count and match pompoms to the number rolled.

★ Brown Line

SS 3b GEOGRAPHY

Listen to a song and move and dance around ribbon paths.