



The Gingerbread House Weekly Curriculum

Date: 5/14– 5/18

Theme: Down in the Dirt: Bugs!

Classroom: Lollipops

Objective: Children will develop a deeper understanding of the life cycle of bugs and insects, where they live, and the differences of the two

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Language & Literature	<p><u>The Very Quiet Cricket</u>, by Eric Carle</p> <p>What is the difference between an insect and a bug?</p>	<p><u>The Very Grouchy Ladybug</u>, by Eric Carle</p> <p>Soft & Slimy: Worms, grubs, and slugs (habitats, food, & life cycle)</p> <p>(bring in live worms)</p>	<p><u>The Very Busy Spider</u>, by Eric Carle</p> <p>Legs! Legs! Legs!, Spiders, millipedes, and caterpillars (habitats, food, & life cycle)</p>	<p><u>Waiting for Wings</u></p> <p>Wings: Bees, wasps, and dragonflies (habitats, food, & life cycle)</p>	<p><u>Hey Little Ant</u> and <u>One Hundred Ants</u></p> <p>Exoskeleton: Beetles, ladybugs, ants, and crickets (habitats, food, & life cycle)</p>
Art & Fine Motor	<p>Invitation to create a bug: mixed media</p>	<p>Gummy worm painting</p>	<p>Tape resist webs</p>	<p>Fly swatter painting</p> <p>Fire fly glow in the dark painting</p>	<p>Invitation to create a bug: clay sculptures</p>
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	<p>Hatching Butterflies*</p> <p>Is a caterpillar a bug or an insect?</p> <p>Is a butterfly a bug or an insect?</p> <p>Video clip of bugs vs. insects</p>	<p>Hatching Butterflies</p> <p>What is a cocoon?</p> <p>What is a chrysalis?</p> <p>Video clip about grubs</p>	<p>Hatching Butterflies</p> <p>Discuss metamorphosis</p> <p>Video clip about spiders</p>	<p>Hatching Butterflies</p> <p>What are the differences between a butterfly and an insect?</p> <p>Video clip about bees</p>	<p>Hatching Butterflies</p> <p>What do caterpillars and butterflies eat?</p> <p>Video clip about beetles</p>
Sensory	<p>Dirt Bin</p> <p>Playdough bug impressions</p>	<p>Dirt Bin</p> <p>Playdough bug impressions</p>	<p>Dirt Bin</p> <p>Playdough bug impressions</p>	<p>Dirt Bin</p> <p>Playdough bug impressions</p>	<p>Dirt Bin</p> <p>Playdough bug impressions</p>
Religion & Social Studies	<p>Why are bugs important?</p>	<p>One of God's creations: Bugs & insects</p>	<p>What's for dinner? Bugs–yum!</p> <p>Cuisine in different cultures</p>	<p>Why are bees so important?</p>	<p>Taste experiment: Honey, flowers, and weeds</p>
Gross Motor	<p>Gymnastics</p>	<p>Parachute</p>	<p>Gymnastics</p>	<p>Parachute</p>	<p>Swat the fly (game)</p>