



# **Activity Calendar**

Theme: Insects



### Monday

Types of Insects



**Learning Goal:** Children will intentionally use scribbles/writing to convey meaning (labeling and captioning).

Video Resource: What is an Insect | Everyday Learning

Slideshow: Monarch Butterfly

Activity: In your journal, draw an insect with 6 legs, 2 wings, and 2 antennas. Ask a grownup to help you label each body part!

## **Tuesday**

**Bees - Pollination** 



**Learning Goal:** Children will begin to demonstrate an understanding of cause and effect through investigation and conversation.

Video Resource: Follow that Bee | Wild Kratts

Activity: Bee Pollination Experiment - As bees collect nectar, pollen sticks to their legs and is spread from flower to flower. Now pretend you are a bee. Draw flowers on several pieces of paper and place them around the room. Rub the cheese puffs on your fingers without licking them. "Fly" around for 10 seconds and "pollinate" as many flowers as you can. Draw what happened in your journal.

#### Wednesday

Butterfly - Life Cycles



**Learning Goal:** Children will begin to understand that all things grow, change and go through life cycles.

Video Resource: Butterfly World Field Trip | Kid Vision

**Printable Activity: Drink Like a Butterfly** 

Journal Activity: In your journal, draw the life cycle of a butterfly (egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly)

**Learning Goal:** Children will begin to combine a variety of open-ended, process-oriented and diverse art materials.

### **Thursday**



**Learning Goal:** Children will begin to demonstrate one-to-one correspondence when counting a number sequence.

**Video Resource:** Ants Go Marching | Nature Nuggets

Activity: Run to the Anthill – Draw ants on the outside of a foam or plastic cup. Cut the bottom out and turn it upside down to resemble an anthill. Pretend you are an ant collecting "food." Each player gets 20 pieces of food (beans, cereal, or cut out leaves) then takes a turn rolling the die and adding that many pieces of "food" to their ant hill. The first person to add all the food to the anthill wins.

#### **Friday** Other Insects

Video Resource: Make a Dragonfly | Dinosaur Train

Video Activity: Read Great Books – Creating Insects

Create insects using recyclables and homemade dough (recipe on materials page).





dough is formed. Store unused dough in airtight container.

## Get Ready, Set, Prep

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M	laterials for the Week	Learning Resources
Monday	Weekly Journal – Fold three pieces of paper, staple, add the theme title, and illustrate the cover Crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils	<ul> <li>Discussion Questions</li> <li>How many legs does an insect have?</li> <li>What else do they have?</li> <li>How do antennae help an insect?</li> </ul>
Tuesday	Weekly Journal Crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils Bee Pollination Experiment materials: Cheese puffs, markers or crayons, and several sheets of paper, scissors	Vocabulary Words  insect chrysalis pollinate antennae colony
Wednesday	Weekly Journal Crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils Printable: Drink Like a Butterfly Drink Like a Butterfly materials: paper cup, straw, colored paper or white paper, scissors, juice (or your favorite drink)	Resources from PBS KIDS for Parents  Butterfly Feeder  Count Ladybug Spots
Thursday	Weekly Journal Crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils Run to the Anthill materials: foam or plastic cup per player, die, 20 pieces of ant food per player (cereal, beans, or leaves cut out of paper)	FREE PBS KIDS Apps  Download on your mobile app  Outdoor Family Fun with Plum  PBS Parents Play and Learn Play: In the Garden
Friday	Weekly Journal Crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils Creating Insects materials: pipe cleaners, buttons, wiggle eyes, and other recyclables. Homemade Dough recipe: 1 cup water, 1 cup salt, 2 cups flour, 1 tbsp. oil, food coloring. Mix all the ingredients until	Fun Extras  Storyline Online: Please Please the Bees  Please Please the Bees