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ABOUT THE STORY

Miss Spider's Tea Party

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What's a sociable spider to do when no one will accept her invitations to tea? Seemingly unaware of her own predatory reputation, the Miss Spider is saddened when a parade of potential guests scuttles, scampers and scurries away. A timely rainstorm provides the perfect opportunity for Miss Spider to prove her good intentions, however, as she lovingly nurtures a rain-soaked moth with sweets and warm brew. Good news travels quickly, and before long her web is a buzz with a full-scale tea party.

STORY STRETCHERS

While reading the story, ask children open ended questions that will encourage comprehension and deeper thinking. Below are some questions to ask.

- Why doesn't anyone want to come to Miss Spider's tea party?
- What do the insects think of Miss Spider?
- How does Miss Spider feel when no one comes to her tea party? Why?
- What happens in the story that all the insects change their mind and go to Miss Spider's tea party?

CRS RESOURCE LIBRARY

Curriculum Resource books and toys are available to check out at our library. Call 619-521-3055 ext. 2304 to make a library appointment.

WEB SITES

Here are some websites to give you more curriculum ideas:

<http://www.kidactivities.net/post/Children-Collecting-Bugs!.aspx>

<http://www.preschool-plan-it.com/bugs-and-insects.html>

<http://www.prekinders.com/bugs-theme/>

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SCIENCE

SCOOP-A-BUG KIT

Children can practice sorting, develop eye-hand coordination and build hand muscle control that they'll need to start writing, as they scoop, sort and examine lifelike bugs.



This item may be checked out at the YMCA CRS Resource and Toy Lending Library.

OUTDOOR PLAY

CATERPILLAR IN THE GARDEN

1. Designate a start and finish line.
2. Divide children into two groups.
3. Line the children up into two columns, one child behind the other, at the start line.
4. Have each child put his or her hands on the waist of the child in front of them, forming a "caterpillar."
5. When you say "Wiggle" each team must run toward the finish line, all while staying connected.
6. If a team becomes disconnected, they must stop and reconnect before continuing.
7. The first team to the finish line wins.



MUSIC

THE INSECTS OUTSIDE

(Tune: *The Wheels on the Bus*)

The fireflies at night go blink, blink, blink
Blink, blink, blink, blink, blink, blink
The fireflies at night go blink, blink, blink
Out in the garden.

The bees in the flowers go buzz, buzz, buzz
Buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz
The bees in the flowers go buzz, buzz, buzz
Out in the garden.

OTHER VERSES:

cricket/fields/chirp
caterpillars/on the leaves/munch
spiders/in the bush/ spin their webs
worms/in the ground/ wiggle and squirm



SENSORY PLAY

BUGS SENSORY TABLE

In addition to honing sensory and science skills, sensory play builds language, social, and dramatic play skills as the children negotiate with one another to share tools, create stories, and build dialogues.

Materials:

- Sensory table or bin
- Birdseed/Soil/Dirt
- Gardening Tools
- Magnifying glasses
- Bug Catchers
- Plastic Bugs



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PUZZLES

BUG FLOOR PUZZLE

Brilliant butterflies, marching ants, buzzing bees and more! Children discover over 30 fascinating bugs with this giant-sized puzzle!

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