

## Bugs Extension Activities

**Parents, did you know that making crafts, cooking, and playing games with your kids helps them to develop many different skills that they need to be successful in school and beyond?**

### **Make a buzzing bee:**

Supplies needed: a small stick like a tongue depressor, plasticine/cork/rubber eraser, a thick elastic band, string, paper (optional)

Glue paper bug/bee to stick (optional)

Ball a small bit of plasticine (or whatever you choose to use) on both ends of the stick.

Slip elastic band over plasticine/cork/rubber stopper...

Tie string to stick

Twirl stick and listen to it "buzz"



What other things around your house can you find that make a buzzing sound?

### **Act like an insect:**

Model vocabulary with your child and get active at the same time!



Can you skitter like a spider? Can you wiggle or slither like a worm? Can you flutter like a butterfly? Can you jump like a grasshopper? Can you buzz like a bee? What other insects can you act like???

### **Sing:**



The Ants go Marching One by One. Stomp/March the beat. Lift your arms into the air on the hurrahs! Emphasize rhyming words. *Feeling the beat and hearing rhyming sounds is important for later speech and literacy skills. Stomp away ... Indoors or outdoors. Singing is great for calming anxiety! Even better if you sing out loud together with someone! Sing out loud!*

### **Make "Ants on a log":**



Cut celery into sticks. Fill the "ditch" with cheese spread or peanut butter. Add raisin "ants". Talk about how ants move in a line and how they work hard and work together. Why do they do this???. What other insects work hard and work together? What is a job that you as a family can work hard and work together to do?



**Read a book about ants or bees or other insects!** Looking at the pictures and naming the insects is helpful for your child. Check out books (e-books or regular) from your local library with your FREE library membership! **Check out Lac La Biche County Libraries.ca for details.**



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