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|  | **Monday**  Ants | **Tuesday**  Spiders | **Wednesday**  Mosquitos/Flies | **Thursday**  Bees | **Friday**  Ladybugs |
| **Literacy** | Are you an Ant? By Judy Allen | Miss Spider by David Kirk | Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People’s Ears by Verna Aardema |  | Ten Little Ladybugs by Melanie Gerth |
| **Art** | Plastic spoon ants  Ant place mat | Handprint spiders | Paper mosquito | Paperplate bumble bee | Ladybug costume- brown paper bags |
| **Math** | Line up ants from largest to smallest | Paper plate spider web | Counting flies | Bug jar sorting  (plastic bugs in storage room) | Math Folders  Felt ladybug spots |
| **Science** | Ant colony in a jar  Edible ant hill | Spider web patterns | Red water and pipettes sensory station | Gathering Pollen game |  |
| **Language/Dramatic Play** | Kindermusic | Pretzel and frosting spider web- snack  compliment spider web | Mosquito Tag | Bee Dance Charades | Bug sensory table with tweezers |

Materials: plastic spoons, black pipe cleaners, raisins, choc pudding, graham crackers, choc chips, pretzels, plastic spiders and flies, brown paper bags, red felt

Mosquito craft template: <http://www.daniellesplace.com/imagesA/mosquitoepat.gif>

Ant Math centers:

1. Ant Sort: You need: Muffin Tin Raisins Small Tongs Paper, tape, pen How to: Number small pieces of paper 1 through 6. Tape these numbers into the bottom of each hole in the muffin tin. Ask your child to place the appropriate number of raisins (ants) in each hole (nest). One raisin in the hole marked 1, and so on.
2. Arrange ants largest->smallest
3. Sort ants by number
4. Sort ants by color
5. Number practice

Mosquito/fly mat centers:

1. Counting flies (toss them in air: on their backs, dead; on their legs, alive)
2. Insect tangrams patterns: <http://prekinders.com/2011/04/bug-jar-math-printables/>
3. Mosquito life cycle ordering: <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/insects/mosquito/sequencing/>
4. Number practice

Spider Math Centers:

1. Math Folders
2. Paper plate/yarn spider web
3. Number practice

Bee Math Centers:

1. Beehive thumbprint activity
2. Bug color/type Sort
3. Bee Counting book

Ladybug math centers:

1. Felt board
2. Ladybug wings- count and glue spots
3. Number practice

Mosquito Tag

* A fun game to play outside, this develops gross motor skills and gives the children a chance to get their 'wiggles' out. Give each preschooler a sheet of dot stickers. After explaining how mosquitoes feed, have each child chase around the others trying to tag them with a sticker. The stickers are mosquito bites. The child that gets rid of his stickers first wins.

Bee Dance Charades

* One of the ways bees communicate is through dance. For example, when a bee finds food very close to the hive, it dances in a circle but if it finds food farther from the hive, it dances in what look like figure eights. Have each preschooler dance to communicate something, while the rest of the class tries to guess what that is.

Bug jar sorting: <http://prekinders.com/2011/04/bug-jar-math-printables/>

Gathering pollen game: <http://www.squidoo.com/bee-preschool-theme>

Bee computer game: <http://www.playkidsgames.com/games/beeGame/default.htm>

Bee thumbprint activity: **Beehive Thumbprint activity**: Give children a copy of the beehive handout, with a beehive printed on it. (Or give them a sheet of paper with Honeycomb cereal glued on it.) Children will press their index fingers on an inkpad, and then make several fingerprints across the beehive paper. With a crayon or felt-tipped marker, children can add wings, antennae, and legs to their fingerprint bees, and color their beehive. They can make one bee at the hive entrance(the guard bee), one bee larger than the rest( the queen bee), and as many worker bees.

**Bee counting book**: Bee Counting Book: You can also use the above idea to make a counting book.  On each page use the sentence frame:  How many bees?  Then the student will read the sentence frame and count the bees to get the correct answer.  This will provide practice in one-to-one correspondence.

Bumble bee crafts: <http://www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/bumblebee/plate.htm>