

Hi Children's School Campers!

This week, we're focusing our bug theme on an assortment of insects including: **flies, stinkbugs, the praying mantis, fireflies, ladybugs, cicadas, and dragonflies.** We're excited for all the exploring you'll get to do this week...

*Dramatic Play with Mr. Allen:* [Researching How to Be a Bug!](#) In the first half of the video, Mr. Allen researches different insects using printouts from a computer. He records in his bug journal a fact that he already knew about the bugs, as well as a new fact he learned during the research process. And in the second half, Mr. Allen uses all the information he wrote in his journal to take on different roles and pretend to be a cricket, ladybug, dragonfly, and beetle.

- You can do research to help extend play at home! Check out the [DK Find Out!](#) Website or find a YouTube video and look up some facts on an insect (or anything!) that interests you and your child.
- World of Beetles: <https://www.dkfindout.com/us/animals-and-nature/insects/world-beetles/>
- Emperor Dragonfly: <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/animals-and-nature/insects/emperor-dragonfly/>
- Ladybirds: <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/animals-and-nature/insects/ladybirds/>
- Grasshoppers & Crickets: <https://www.dkfindout.com/us/animals-and-nature/insects/grasshoppers-and-crickets/>

*Music with Mrs. Bird:*

This week's music is all about the **Fly**.

1. If a fly lands on your body, how do you "shoo" it away? You can get rid of a fly with a flick of your finger or hand. A flick is a short, light movement of a finger or hand. Can you "flick a fly" off your shoulder or nose or tummy or toes?
2. Listen to this song and flick flies off the different parts of your body that are named. In the last verse, there are no words. Each time you hear the buzzing sound, flick a fly off any part of your body you choose.

[Flick A Fly](#) Music and Words by Hap Palmer

3. How else can you flick a fly? Fold up a small piece of paper and pretend it is a fly. Can you flick it into the air? Can you flick it in front of you or in back of you? Can you flick it high or low? Can you flick it in slow motion?
4. Ask someone or your whole family to try this simple dance with you to the song [Shoo Fly](#).

(Face each other and keep holding hands.)

Shoo fly don't bother me. (take 4 steps forward toward each other)  
Shoo fly don't bother me. (take 4 steps back away from each other)  
Shoo fly don't bother me. (take 4 steps forward toward each other)  
Cause I belong to somebody. (take 4 steps back away from each other)  
I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star. (circle to the left)  
I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star. (circle to the right)

*Repeat as many times as you like! What other moves can you add to the dance?*

*Movement with Miss Dzina:*

**Bug Dance** Use your body to follow along with the different movements in the song. Put a freeze dance spin on it and stop and start it - make sure you're listening to know when to freeze!

**Insect Movement Patterns** Here are some videos to learn about some different insects: [cicadas](#), [dragonflies](#), and [ladybugs](#). While you watch, pay close attention to the way the different insects move. Can you come up with a movement to match each insect? What about an insect movement pattern like an AB pattern? ABC? ABAC? Feel free to incorporate movements of other insects not listed above.

*Read Aloud with Mrs. Opferman:*

1. [Yoo Hoo Ladybug by Mem Fox](#)
2. [The Very Lonely Firefly by Eric Carle](#)  
If you want to learn more about fireflies, check out [Fireflies: Nature's Baffling Blinkers](#)
3. [Build a Nature Insect with Mrs. Opferman](#)

*Games with Mrs. Loomis:*

Click on this link to play Mrs. Loomis' [Bug Memory Game!](#)



Memory Game

**Bug Memory Game**



Can you match the Stink Bugs? The Lady Bugs?  
The Praying Mantises?

*Bugs with Mr. Salinetto:*

- This week our video is about two different insects: mosquitoes and dragonflies! Go to [The Children's School YouTube page](#) to watch "Mr. Salinetto Talks Mosquitoes and Dragonflies".

- Journal Ideas: Do you remember seeing the wings of the mosquito and the dragonfly through the microscope? Can you draw a wing design on a journal page using shapes and lines? Maybe you can draw a dragonfly... what color would you make your dragonfly?
- ***GO OUT AND START LOOKING!... “There is nothing like looking, if you want to find something. You certainly usually find something, if you look...” ~ J.R.R. Tolkien, “The Hobbit”***

*Extra Resources:*

- Check out [this cool firefly simulation](#) to learn more the way they light up.
- Look in your camp packet for a fun Stink Bug, Ladybug and Praying Mantis Scavenger Hunt.

Have fun,  
The Camp Team