



Name _____

My Thoughts and Feelings

Insect Catcher's Safari

We did these things:	I felt like this:
 Insect Catcher's Safari Activity	  
 About Me	  
 Other Insect Activities	  
 Singing	  
 Poetry	  
 Books and Stories	  
This is how I felt about the whole meeting:	



Dear parent:

This week your child learned important information about insects and where they live. (See “What Children Need to Know About Insects.”) They went on an Insect Catcher’s Safari. They learned to look for insects up in the sky, on the ground, and under things. They did other activities to help them learn about where insects live.

Children will remember what they learned if you help them look for insects everywhere they go. Other things you can do with your child are listed under “Helping Children Learn More About Insects.” As you seek out insects with your child this week, stress the importance of exploring new places. Let your child know that trying new things and taking risks are important life skills.

OVER

What Children Need to Know About Insects

- Insects can be found just about anywhere you might look: in the city and in the country, inside buildings and outdoors, in woods and in fields, in water and in sand, and on pets and animals.
- Insects can be found by looking up, looking down, and looking all around. Then, when you've finished looking in one area this way, look again—insects are always on the move!
- Most insects have a favorite place to live. Insects usually live in one kind of place because they can find the things they need to live there. This might be on a special plant they like to eat or in an area with lots of sunlight, flowing water, or sandy soil.
- Some insects build special homes for themselves. Two kinds of insects which do this are ants (which build ant hills) and wasps (which build nests).

Helping Children Learn More About Insects

- Help your child look for insect homes (such as ant hills and wasp nests) around your house. Encourage him or her to watch the insects going in and out of their houses. Do they carry food? What else do they do around their houses?
- Help your child set up an ant farm.
- Children learn the most when they can watch something over time. Encourage your child to observe insects and their homes for several days. Talk about what he or she observes. Encourage him or her to record these observations by drawing pictures or writing words.





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An Insect's Life

We did these things:	I felt like this:
 Life Stages Game Activity	  
 About Me	  
 Arts and Crafts	  
 Games	  
 Movement Activity	  
 Singing	  
 Making Snacks	  
 Books and Stories	  
This is how I felt about the whole meeting:	



Dear parent:

This week your child learned information about how insects grow and develop. (See “What Children Need to Know About Insects.”) They played a game which helped them recognize the different life stages of insects. You can help your child remember what he or she learned by doing some of the things under “Helping Children Learn More About Insect Life Stages.”

Coping with and adjusting to change is something everyone must learn to deal with throughout a lifetime. Talk to your child about how life is a cycle of constant change. Ask your child about a time when he or she had to make a change. Was it easy or hard to make this change? During the week, point out the many changes that take place.

OVER

What Children Need to Know About Insects

- Insects hatch from tiny eggs.
- Insects change shape as they grow. This is called **metamorphosis**. They do this by changing their shape gradually, by shedding their skin as they grow bigger, or all at once with a very big change in how they look.

Helping Children Learn More About Insect Life Stages

- Take a walk with your child and look for insects in different life stages. See if your child can tell you if an insect is one that has a gradual or sudden metamorphosis.
- Talk with your child about the life stages of humans. Point out children, adolescents, young adults, and older children.

