

SPRING INTO SUMMER 2026

Busy Bugs Partner Tip Sheet

THE THEME: BUSY BUGS

Families will "buzz" into summer reading through hands-on fun inspired by insects, bookworms, and curiosity. We invite each partner to bring the Busy Bugs theme to life through an interactive element at your booth, something playful, creative, and connected to learning.

OUR SHARED GOAL

Together, we want every booth to feel like a memorable experience that children and families will carry with them long after the event is over. As you plan your booth, ask yourself:

- What can children DO at my booth?
- How can I spark curiosity or joy in just a few minutes?
- What simple, free item could families take home to keep the learning going?

CREATIVE CRAFTS

- Make-your-own bug
- Butterfly or ladybug masks
- Bug antennae headbands
- "Bookworm" bookmarks

GAMES & MOVEMENT

- Follow-the-ant-trail obstacle course
- Bug hop or crawl race
- Toss-the-bug game
- "Freeze like a bug" movement game

LITERACY TIE-INS

- Feed-the-Bookworm letter game
- Bug-themed read-aloud
- Sight word or letter matching
- Share a fun bug fact card

STEM & EXPLORATION

- Magnifying glass bug exploration
- Build-a-bug station
- Bug sorting or counting activity
- Bug life cycle matching game

*** A FEW HELPFUL TIPS ***

- Simple is perfect: kids love doing things, not just watching
- Hands-on beats handouts every time
- Keep activities short and sweet (about 2 to 5 minutes per child works great)
- Movement and energy are welcome and encouraged!
- Don't worry if your booth isn't bug-themed. Your presence and warmth matter the most.