

**Project FOCUS
Best Lessons
KINDERGARTEN**

Title of Lesson: Fuzzy Bugs

Theme: Life Science

Unit Number: 6 **Unit Title:** Plants and Animals

Performance Standard(s) Covered (enter codes):

SKCS4

SKL1

Enduring Standards (objectives of activity):

Habits of Mind

- Asks questions
- Uses numbers to quantify
- Works in a group
- Uses tools to measure and view
- Looks at how parts of things are needed
- Describes and compares using physical attributes
- Observes using senses
- Draws and describes observations

Content (key terms and topics covered):

Common insects, insect body parts

Learning Activity (Description in Steps)

Abstract (limit 100 characters): This lesson introduces students to common insects in our world and their basic characteristics.

Details: I first demonstrated the best way to make your own insects. Coil the pipe cleaners around a pencil. Use several pipe cleaners to make a thick body. Toward the front of the body, twist two ends of a pipe cleaner up and stick them out to make antenna. Attach the eyes to the head of the insect. If desired, fashion wings and legs out of the pipe cleaners to make more creative bugs. Let the students carefully make their own, and question them about the features to ensure they remember what they learned in the past. Finally slide the insect off of the pencil.

Materials Needed (Type and Quantity):

Reading books: Insects by DK Publishing; Insects by Rod Theodorou; any book by Eric Carle

Pipe cleaners of all colors, at least 5 for each student

Pencils

Adhesive "googly eyes"

Anything else to decorate your bugs

Notes and Tips (suggested changes, alternative methods, cautions):

It's best to have the students watch how to create the insect before they try themselves. Let them be creative and ask them to make legs, antenna, etc.

Sources/References:

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