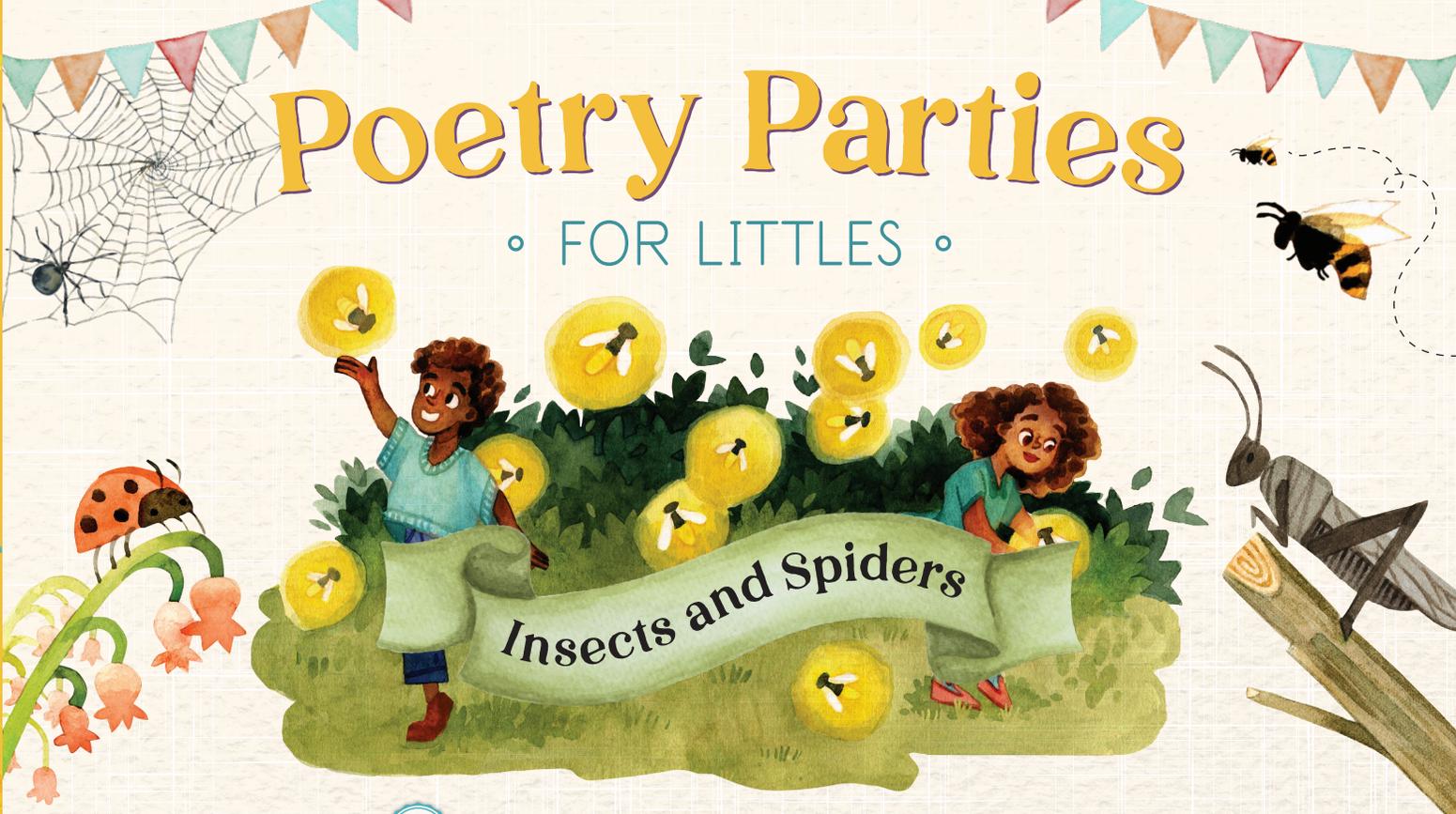


Poetry Parties

◦ FOR LITTLES ◦



Insects and Spiders

The illustration depicts a vibrant garden scene. Two children, a boy and a girl, are surrounded by various insects. The boy is holding a glowing yellow orb with a bee inside. The girl is also holding a similar orb. A large green banner with the text 'Insects and Spiders' is draped across the scene. In the background, there are ladybugs, a spider on a web, and a grasshopper on a log. The scene is framed by a yellow border with ladybugs and a string of colorful bunting flags at the top.



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Ladybugs and Fireflies



SUPPLIES NEEDED



REMEMBER

You don't need to do all the crafts, activities, or decorations.

Ladybug Puppet (p. 6)

- * black and red construction paper
- * black washable paint
- * googly eyes
- * white string
- * white chalk marker
- * paper plate



Ladybug Fruit Cookies (p. 7)

- * cream cheese
- * round cookies
- * strawberries
- * blueberries



Firefly Suncatcher (p. 11)

- * yellow, green, and white washable paint
- * black construction paper
- * tracing paper
- * googly eyes (optional)

Markers, scissors, hole punch, tape, standard white paper, ruler, and glue should always be on hand and are not listed in the “Supplies Needed” sections.



Additional Party Decorations

Ladybug Decorations

- * Blow up red balloons and color black dots on them for the ladybugs.
- * Using a permanent marker, color red napkins with black dots.
- * Sprinkle black circles from a hole punch on a red tablecloth (or black and red dots on a white tablecloth).
- * Color black dots on red plastic cups for drinks.

Firefly Decorations

- * Blow up yellow balloons and draw black wings on them for the fireflies.
- * Using a permanent marker, color yellow napkins with black wings.
- * Sprinkle black circles from a hole punch on a yellow tablecloth.
 - * Color black wings on yellow plastic cups for drinks.



Decorate your table with little mason jars of flowers, twigs, leaves, or grass.

BRING THE OUTSIDE IN!





Poetry Time!

- 1 Silently read the text in this circle and then read the poem on this page aloud to the children while they are in a yard/park, looking outside the window at a yard/park, or looking at a picture of a yard/park.



Bugs in My Backyard

Jenny Phillips and Shannen Yauger

Oh, how beautiful it is to see,
A spotted ladybug on my tree,
A yellow bee on a flower white,
A firefly shining in the night,
A grasshopper green on golden wheat,
A line of ants marching on the street,
A dragonfly zooming all around,
A butterfly flitting without a sound.



Ladybug

Unknown

The ladybug's a beetle.

It's shaped like a pea.

Its color is a bright red

With lots of spots to see.



You Are Welcome, Ladybug

Jenny Phillips and Maggie Felsch

You are welcome in my garden,
Ladybug so red.

I love your black polka dots
and your little black head.

You are welcome in my garden
to climb as you please
on the flowers and pumpkins,
tomatoes and trees.

You are welcome in my garden
as my special guest.

When God the Father made you,
the whole world was blessed.

Ladybug, Ladybug

Ivy O. Eastwick

Ladybug, Ladybug,
Where do you hide?

Under a leaf on its feathery side;
Safe from the lightning—
And safe from the rain—
Here I shall stay till
The sun shines again.



Ladybug Puppet

1. Start by cutting out all the pieces you'll need for your ladybug finger puppet. You will need two large black circles (one slightly smaller than the other) and one large red circle cut in half.
2. Cut two holes at the bottom of the larger black circle. These holes should be big enough for your child's fingers to fit inside of them.
3. Glue the red circle halves onto the large black circle that has finger holes. Glue the red halves at an angle, leaving an opening for the holes. These are the wings. Then glue the smaller black circle on top for the ladybug's head.
4. Fold your white string into a V and glue it onto the back of the ladybug's head for the antennae. Then glue on your googly eyes and draw a cute smile on your ladybug with your white chalk marker.
5. Finish your adorable ladybug finger puppet by pouring

a small amount of black paint onto a paper plate. Dip your finger into the paint and then onto your ladybug's wings to make spots.



Complete any of the crafts, games, and activities that you desire in this section.

Ladybug Fruit Cookies

- * Spread cream cheese on the cookies in a thin layer.
- * Slice the strawberries in half and set each half on the lower half of a cookie, like open wings.
- * Place a blueberry above the strawberry for the head.



Children
love to
wiggle!
Read the
poem on this
page and
encourage
your child
to act out
the poem.



Fireflies, Fireflies

Shannen Yauger

Fireflies, fireflies
By the tree.
How many children
Do you see?

Fireflies, fireflies
In the sky.
See all the children
Jump so high!

Fireflies, fireflies
Near the ground.
With so many children
Running around!

Fireflies, fireflies
In the night.
Now all the children
Are out of sight.



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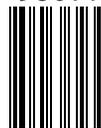
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