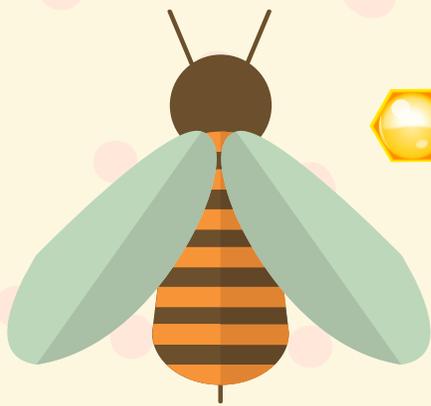


Dear Caregivers:



Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

B E E S

LETTER OF THE DAY

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BOOKS TO SHARE

B Is For Bee
by Charlotte Milner

Beehive
by Jorey Hurley

The Honeybee
by Kirsten Hall

Bear and Bee
by Sergio Ruzzier

These Bees Count!
by Alison Formento

The Honeybee Man
by Lela Nargi

The Very Greedy Bee
by Steve Smallman

Jam & Honey
by Melita Morales

The Thing About Bees
by Shabazz Larkin

Bee & Me
by Alison Jay

Buzz, Buzz, Buzz, Went Bumblebee
by Colin West

Bees: A Honeyed History (non-fic)
by Piotr Socha

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

Bumblebee, Bumblebee [action rhyme]

Bumblebee, Bumblebee
Buzzing all around.
Bumblebee, Bumblebee
Buzzing on the ground.
Bumblebee, Bumblebee
Buzzing up so high.
Bumblebee, Bumblebee
Buzzing in the sky.
Bumblebee, Bumblebee
Buzzing past your toes.
Bumblebee, Bumblebee
Buzzing on your nose.

The Bees In The Flowers

[Tune: "The Wheels On The Bus"]

The bees in the flowers go buzz, buzz, buzz,
Buzz, buzz, buzz,
buzz, buzz, buzz.
The bees in the flowers go buzz, buzz, buzz
Out in the garden.

My Baby Bumblebee

[start with hands together, like clasping bee inside]

I'm bringing home my baby bumble bee
Won't my Mommy be so proud of me
I'm bringing home my baby bumble bee . . .
OUCH! It stung me!! [open hands]

ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Bee"



Make dominant hand into letter "F" shape. Touch the tips of these two fingers against your cheek, then open your hand and swat past the spot on your cheek with the open hand.

Do You Like To Buzz?

[Tune: "Do Your Ears Hang Low?"]

Do you like to buzz?
Are you covered all in fuzz?
Do you call a hive a home
In the garden where you roam?
Do you know how to make honey?
Are your stripes a little funny?
Do you like to buzz?

Here Is The Beehive [fingerplay]

Here is the beehive [make fist]
Where are the bees? [shrug]
Hiding away, where nobody sees
Watch them come creeping out of the hive
One, two, three, four five [pull out fingers, one by one]

Hickety Pickety Bumblebee

Hickety pickety bumblebee,
Won't you say your name for me? [child says name]
Hickety pickety bumblebee,
Can you clap your name for me? [clap out syllables of child's name]
Hickety pickety bumblebee,
Can you shout your name for me? [child shouts name]
Hickety pickety bumblebee,
Can you whisper your name for me? [child whispers name]

"Honey Bee" by The Supremes (1964)

Pollination Play

MORE FUN!

Materials:

Pipe cleaners
Colored powder
Examples: cheese powder,
Koolaid/Jello powder, etc.
Construction paper
Scissors



Help your child to draw two (or more) flower shapes on the construction paper and cut them out.

Give each person playing an empty flower shape, and pour colored powder into the middles of the other flower shapes. Place all flowers onto a stable surface like the floor or a table.

Wrap a pipe cleaner around your child's pointer finger, and bend ends out to form 'feet.' Have your child use their pipe-cleaner 'bee' to collect pollen from the other flowers to bring back to their own flower.

Talk about how well the pollen sticks to the bee's body. Does any fall off when the 'bee' rubs against its flower? Real bees use the stiff hairs on their legs to 'comb' off the pollen on their bodies.

POLLINATORS like bees, butterflies, and moths are crucial to our lives. Bees play a role in the growth of over 150 food crops in just the United States. Without bees, we wouldn't have apples, broccoli, blackberries, and more! But bees, especially wild bee species, are in need of protection due to pesticide poisoning and habitat loss.

For more information on how you and your family can help with conservation efforts, visit non-profits like The Honeybee Conservancy, The Great Sunflower Project, and the American Beekeeping Federation online.

Pieces of a honeycomb are great examples of naturally-occurring hexagons (a six-sided shape). What other shapes can you and your child(ren) find when you're exploring outside?

Shape recognition will help your child(ren) when it's time to learn how to read. Letters are all made up of different shapes!

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