



Dear Family,

In my class today, we explored different kinds of insects!

Did You Know?

- All insects have three-part bodies. They also have two antennae and six jointed legs. Most adult insects have wings. Flies have two wings. All other insects with wings have four. All of the wings and legs are attached to the middle part of the body. This part is called the thorax. The thorax is between the head and the abdomen. All insects have no bones. Instead, they have a hard covering on the outside of their bodies. The covering is called an exoskeleton.

Ask Your Child:

- What is an insect?
- Tell me some things that are the same about all insects.
- Describe the outside of an insect's body.

Activities To Do With Your Child:

- Take your child outside, and look for insects. Talk about how you know the animal you see is an insect. Discuss what all insects have that is the same. Discuss what makes some insects different.
- Compare insects that crawl with insects that fly. Discuss the difference in how they move.

Vocabulary To Use With Your Child:

- **insect** – a small animal with three body parts, two antennae, six legs, and a hard covering over its body.
- **animal** – a living creature that is not a plant or a human.
- **body** – the physical parts that make up an animal.
- **antennae** – a pair of long, thin body parts used to feel and smell that are found on the heads of insects.
- **exoskeleton** – an external supporting structure.
- **thorax** – the middle part of an insect's body.