

Chirp June 2021 Teacher/Parent Resources



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Amazing Animal Ladybugs

Ladybug Fun Facts

- Ladybugs belong to the beetle family.
- They're almost the size of your baby fingernail.
- They eat tiny bugs called aphids.

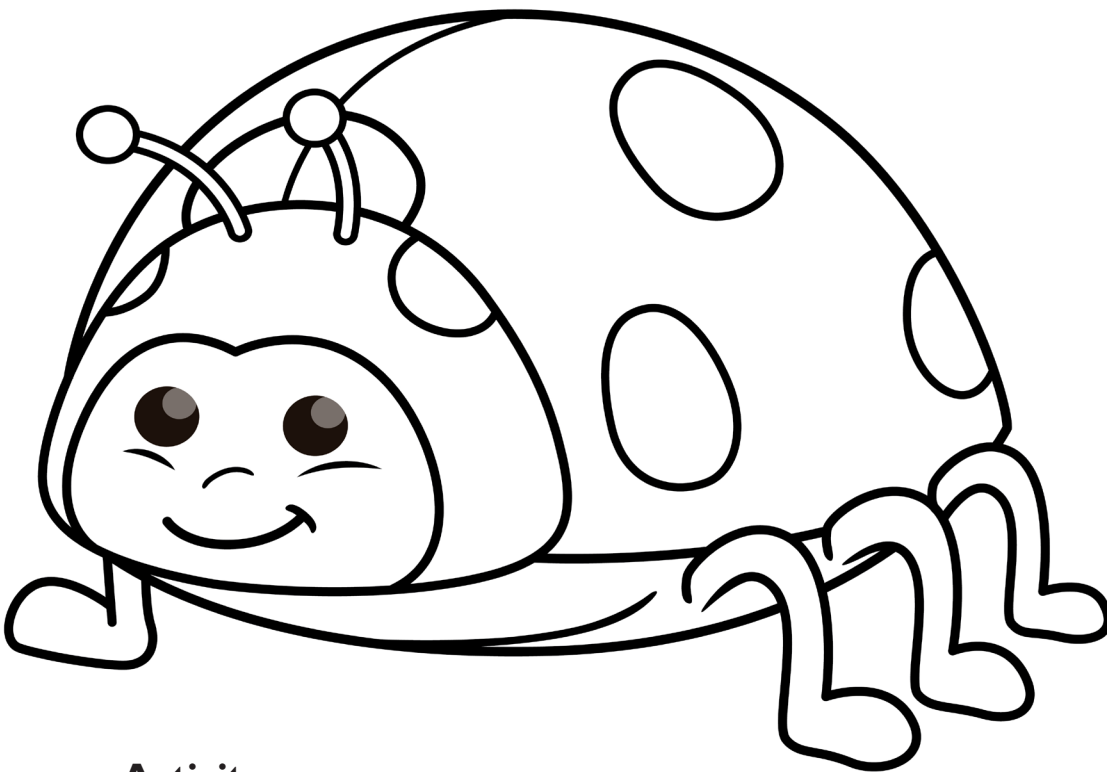


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Follow-up Activity:

Beetles live all over the world and come in many different colours and patterns. Go online to look at photos of different types. What surprised you about the pictures? What did you already know about beetles?

Classroom Connections: Science: animals; life science; characteristics of living things



This month, *Chirp* readers learn about ant colonies. Read the text together, and then talk about your experiences with ants. For example, have you seen ants crawling at a park or a backyard? What do anthills look like from above? Ask readers to draw an ant and identify at least three ant characteristics.

Name: _____

Follow-up Activity

Read a story about an industrious ant and a playful grasshopper who become fast friends in *Alice and Gert* by Helaine Becker and Dena Seiferling.



Classroom Connections:

Language Arts: understanding informational text; Science: animals; characteristics of living things; Visual Arts



Let's Read Insects! (Buzz Buzz)

Read the song aloud or listen to the artist sing at owlkids.com/bugsong. Listen for the sounds of the language and the rhythm of the song. Then look at the list below and work together to find the corresponding rhyming words in the song. As an extension of the exercise, come up with other words that rhyme with the ones in the list.

Word	Rhymes with...
Ear	
Eat	
Shoe	
Mission	
Everywhere	
Traps	
Find	

Follow-up Activity

- Go through the list and read the words in the context of the song. Do you know what they all mean? Identify words you don't know and work together to figure them out or find definitions.
- Go outside and see how many bugs you can spot. What are they doing? Have you seen these kinds of bugs before? See if you can count them.

Classroom Connections

Language Arts: understanding informational text ; Science: human body; characteristics of living things; Social Studies: heritage and identity; cultures; families; Visual Arts

