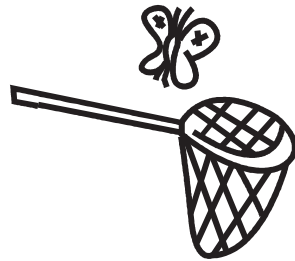




Who Will Be The Next ENTOMOLOGIST?



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Perhaps you're lacking the culinary skills to be the next Top Chef, the fashion sense to be America's Next Top Model, and you never sing outside the shower so you could never be an American Idol. But – you love digging up earthworms, you've had your own ant farm since you were three, and you would never scream if a spider dropped down in front of you.



if successful in completing
The Buggy Challenges, you could be
"The Next ENTOMOLOGIST".





Work in groups, partners, or individually. Armed with the knowledge that the same kids probably won't be there every week, there may be an entomologist of the week. Take photos of the participants holding bug hunting supplies – hat, net, trap. Display photos of each week's participants and their projects/ideas/snacks under a large "headline" of that week's challenge.

Tasks:

1. **"Come One, Come All!"** Design a poster for a flea circus.
2. **"Build a Better Beehive"** Sculpt a hive out of modeling clay using a tall cup or bowl for the basic shape. What elements would you add to distinguish it from other hives?
3. **"You're Invited"** Choose a theme and design a menu for a perfect picnic guaranteed to attract ants. Suggestions: birthday party, BBQ, holiday. For a super challenge, design the table settings and decorations.
4. **"Read This If You Dare"** Read *Diary of a Worm*, *Diary of a Spider*, or *Diary of a Fly* by Doreen Cronin with pictures by Harry Bliss. Choose an insect or bug and design a diary cover. Write a sample entry.
5. **"Game On!"** Choose a bug or insect and design a game. This could be a board game, a card game, or a take-off of a TV game show (The Flies are Right, Cockroach Concentration).
6. **"Hide and Seek"** Cut out pictures of leaves, rocks, shells from old magazines or calendars. Arrange and hide pictures of bugs among them in an I Spy type picture.
7. **"Brain Power"** How much do you really know about insects? Give each participant an answer cube. Mark a large square box with A, B, C, D, True, and False. Contestants line up side by side. Those with the correct answer get to step forward while incorrect answers stay where they are. Player with the most correct answers wins this challenge.
8. **"Be Good Out There!"** Read the story of Crickwing by Janell Cannon. What good deed can you do for someone? Do it!
9. **"And It's Tasty, Too!"** Decorate a large round, store bought cookie to look like a bug. This could be judged in categories: most realistic, most alien, goofiest, most colorful, and so on. After judging, everyone munches while sipping bug juice (green-colored Sprite or a juice of your choice).
10. **"Super Tasty Treat Challenge"** Find a recipe involving insects, make it, and eat it!
11. **"Extra, Extra, Read All About It!"** Write a news article about the discovery of a new bug. Name it and draw a picture of it. Profile yourself as the discoverer, answering such questions as where did you find it, were you scared, who was the first person you told, and so on.
12. **"Parts"** Create a bug out of recycled materials. Name it and describe where it lives, what it eats, its size, and how it protects itself.

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