Bow-Wow Bugs a Bug By Mark Newgarden

This wonderful wordless book features an adorable dog, a bug, a bigger dog, a bigger bug and an hilarious surprise. Using wordless books with children allow them to narrate the story which very effectively helps them develop their language and pre-reading skills. But this book stands on its entertainment value as well. Everyone will love the adventures of Bow-Wow. Look for his concept board books as well. All ages.

Other fun books about Bugs:

**ABC Insects** by the American Museum of Natural History—This is a wonderful alphabet book of insects featuring large photos of insects and brief information about each one. On board pages. Preschool.

**Some Bugs** by Angela DiTerlizzi—Very simple rhyming text describes many different kinds of insects. The vibrant illustrations are perfect for asking open-ended questions. All ages.

**I Love Bugs** by Emma Dodd—A simple look at many kinds of bugs. Toddlers and Preschoolers.

**Superworm** by Julia Donaldson—This wonderful rhyming book shows the many contributions that Superworm makes to the Insect community. Funny! Older preschool and young school-age.

**Hello, Bugs!** By Smriti Prasadam-Halls—A superb little board book with attractive illustrations, memorable repetition, and many bug sounds. Perfect for infants.

**Buggy Bug** by Chris Raschka—Just a silly little story about a bug with something to say. Toddlers and Preschool.

**Creep! Crawl!** By Kaaren Pixton—Adorable, yet indestructible wordless book featuring large, colorful illustrations of one insect per page. Infants and Toddlers.

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**Fuzzy Wuzzy Caterpillar**

Fuzzy, wuzzy caterpillar crawling on the ground
Fuzzy, wuzzy caterpillar never makes a sound (shhllllhh)
Soon you will be sleeping, softly lullaby
Then when you awaken you will be a butterfly.
Bye bye

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**Bugs**

Bugs never speak
I wonder why?
Perhaps they’re shy.

~K. Kuskin

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Treasure Map

1. Bundle some sort of ‘treasure” in a small paper bag or box and write a bold X on the outside.

2. Once you’ve got your treasure wrapped up, choose your location—inside or out—for the hiding spot. Hide the treasure well, but make sure it won’t be too hard for your children to discover.

3. Now it’s time to make the treasure map. This can be as simple or elaborate as you wish, but remember, your children will need to read it independently in order to find the treasure. Keep words to a minimum and use pictures to the maximum. Let your artistic side shine, but don’t get too intimidated—this is about learning. A simple sketch of the area where the treasure can be found is sufficient, with an X marking the spot of the treasure.

4. Once you’ve got the main locations on there (bushes, the classroom layout, a favorite tree etc.), add a dotted line that shows the path for finding the treasure. This is a visual cue to reinforce simple directions.

5. Choose a leader to oversee the search and encourage the children to find the treasure.

This activity will help children develop spatial awareness as well as learn about map reading. Plus, it’s FUN!

Stair Play with Numbers

If you have access to a staircase, label the bottom 5 or 6 steps with a number so when you stand at the bottom of the staircase, you can see the numerals on the stair fronts.

Place bean bags at the bottom of the stairs and let the children toss them onto the stairs.

For young children, encourage them to call out the number on which each beanbag lands.

For older children, help them keep track of the number from each toss and add each number to the previous total.

Perhaps keep a chart of the numbers tossed and after the game ends, compare and contrast the tosses—which number was hit most often? Which number was hit the least? Why do they think that happened?

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