

STORYTIME AT HOME

Bugs

Enjoy storytime at home! It's easy and fun and it helps your children practice skills that will get them ready to learn to read.

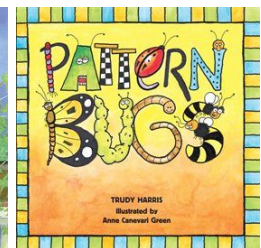
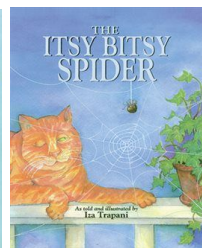
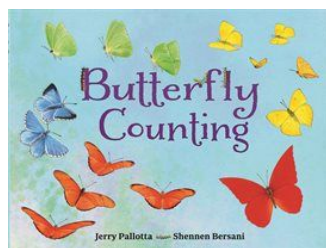
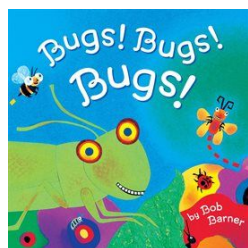
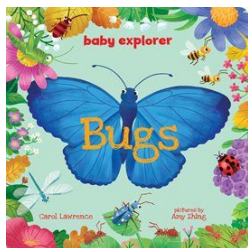


Read and Talk

Use the language you're most comfortable speaking when reading with your child!

Head over to Hoopla digital to check out some of these titles about insects and other creepy crawlies, all available with your library card. Need a library card? [Apply for one here!](#)

- [Bugs](#) by Carol Lawrence
- [Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!](#) by Bob Barner
- [Butterfly Counting](#) by Jerry Pallotta
- [Itsy Bitsy Spider](#) by Iza Trapani
- [Pattern Bugs](#) by Trudy Harris



Sing and Dance

Sing this song to the tune of The Wheels on the Bus:

The bees in the hive go buzz, buzz, buzz
Buzz, buzz, buzz,
Buzz, buzz, buzz,
The bees in the hive go buzz, buzz, buzz
All day long

Other verses to try (or make up your own):

The butterflies in the sky go flutter, flutter, flutter...
The crickets in the grass go chirp, chirp, chirp...
The ants on a sandwich go march, march, march...
The fireflies in the sky go blink, blink, blink....(all night long).

Let's dance!

Laurie Berkner is a storytime favorite and you'll find many danceable tunes on this album available on Hoopla:

[Buzz Buzz](#) by Laurie Berkner Band



A short, traditional rhyme

Tickle your baby gently as you "spider-creep" your fingers up their face. Go slowly so that your little one has a chance to join in. Someday they may do the rhyme on **your** face.

I have a little spider, i'm very fond of him,
He crawls onto my shoulder, then up onto my chin,
He crawls up to my nose, then jumps up on my head,
But when he's feeling sleepy, he runs right back to bed!

Play with Math

[Pattern Bugs](#) is a wonderful book about patterns. There are patterns in the vibrant illustrations and the repetitive language. Patterning is an important part of early math learning. "Mathematics makes sense because its patterns allow us to generalize our understanding from one situation to another." <https://bit.ly/2Tv3Jsa>

Patterns are all around us. You and your little ones can find and create your own patterns on your next walk outside.

