

Bug Shaker MakerS - Timing: 10 Minutes



Activity Instructions

1. Keep staples and stapler and buttons in a fanny pack around your waist or close at hand
2. Inform children that at this table they will be making musical instruments that will be decorated with different bugs.
3. Provide each child with a dinner-sized paper plate. Ask them to fold the paper plate in half to form a shell.
4. Provide each child with a sheet of BUGS stickers and direct them to decorate each side of the plate with the stickers. Then have each child use color pencils to further decorate the plate. Be sure to have each child write his or her name on the bug shaker.
5. Once a child has decorated a plate, volunteers and chaperones can use the stapler to staple the folded plate together but leave an opening at the top.
6. Provide children with a small handful of Cheerios and have them place the cheerios in the hole at the top of the plate. Volunteers and chaperones need to then close the top of the paper shell with a stapler. Children should be able to shake their bug shaker without contents falling out.
7. During the craft making activity, encourage caregivers to practice reading letter sounds and bug names with the children.
8. Once all the children are finished with the activity, the volunteer(s) should read each letter on the shaker's label and say, "Congratulations! You just built a new WordFriend!"
9. Children should give finished bug shaker to the teacher or chaperone teacher for safe keeping and who will return it to them when they leave the zoo.
10. Once craft activity is complete, children should either switch to the literacy skill building activity or get ready to rotate to the next station.

