

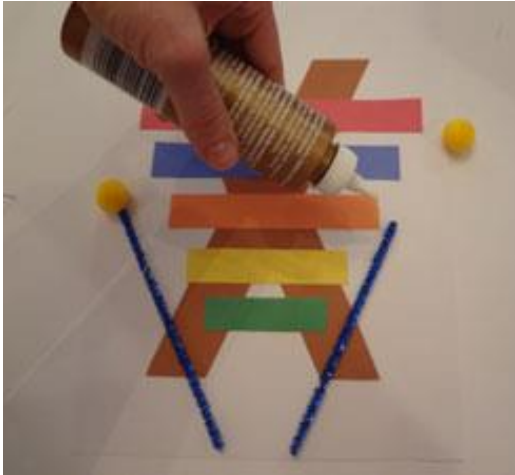


# Pre-K Activity Packet

## May 11 – May 15, 2020

### Letter of the Week: W

#### Letter of the Week Instructions:



Each teacher has a variation on the letter of the week. It is possible your teacher may have sent different plans for the letter "X." Please pick and choose the activities that are best for your child.



#### To Create "X" Letter of the Week:

##### What you'll need:

- Letter X template- attached to the email
- Xylophone bars template – attached to the email
- Several different colors of construction paper
- 2 pipe cleaners
- 2 pom poms
- Scissors
- Glue

##### How to make your letter X xylophone craft:

1. Print out the letter x template and trace to construction paper. Cut out and glue to white construction paper or card stock.
2. Print out the xylophone bars and trace to different color construction paper. Cut out and glue from largest to smallest on top of the letter x.
3. Cut your pipe cleaners a little more than half and glue to paper. Glue the pom poms on top to make them look like the instrument's sticks.

##### Options:

- Search your house inside and outside for objects that begin with "X".
- Ask your family to think of "X" words. Write them down and count them up. See how many you can think up.

#### Xylophone Music:

Listen to the Flight of the Bumble Bee: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nd9xha3vk58>

## Theme of the Week: Butterflies and Lady Bugs!

### Craft 1: A marbled paper plate butterfly craft

#### Supplies:

- Small 6" paper plates (the thin, cheap kind)
- Materials for shaving cream marbling (shaving cream & paint)
- Scissors
- Large wooden craft sticks (or use a piece of cardboard...)
- Hot glue gun (or regular glue)
- Markers
- Pipe cleaner
- Small googly eyes (optional)



#### Directions:

- Marble paint the paper plate and let dry.
  - To marble paint, get a box or a pan with 2 to 4 inch sides. Place a paper plate in the box. On top of the plate place a dollop of shaving cream and some paint. Place the marbles in the box and have your child tilt the box back and forth to have the marbles run through the paint and shaving cream to pattern the plate.
- Cut the paper plate into two wing shapes
- Glue a craft stick to the two wings
- Decorate the craft stick with a smile!!!!



For more information about the life cycle of butterflies and additional crafts visit:

<https://www.messylittlemonster.com/2018/06/Butterfly-life-cycle-activity-seed-printable.html>

## Craft 2: Lady Bug TP Tube!



### Supplies Needed:

- Toilet Paper cardboard roll
- Black construction paper (1)
- Red construction paper (1)
- Black magic marker
- Wiggly eyes
- Glue

### Instructions:

- Cut the black construction paper to fit around the paper roll and glue
- Cut a 3 1/2 inch circle using the red paper
- Cut the red circle in half and using the black magic marker create dots.
- Glue the red wings on the roll
- Add the eyes and antenna

## Cooking Fun:

### STRAWBERRY LADYBUGS

#### Ingredients

- Strawberries
- Mini chocolate chips
- Blueberries or small grapes
- Toothpicks
- Lettuce for decoration



#### Instructions

- Wash strawberries and remove stem and leaves
- Cut strawberries in half (lengthwise)
- You can use a blueberry or small grape for the heads
- Push in mini chocolate chips for spots
- To hold it all together, insert toothpick
- Be careful to remove toothpicks if young children will eat ladybugs
- Place on a lettuce leaf (optional)

This is a great fine motor activity!

## Ladybug facts

### National Geographic – Kids

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/invertebrates/insects/ladybug/>

### LADYBUG FACTS FOR KIDS

Fun Ladybug Facts for Kids <https://www.itsybitsyfun.com/ladybug-facts-for-kids.html>

They come in many colors, most commonly red, orange, yellow or scarlet with black dots on them.

They are found worldwide (except cold places like Arctic, Antarctica).

Some ladybugs have white spots and some even have stripes.

Most known ladybug is the red one with 7 spots however other species can have different numbers of spots.

Their color protects them from the predators.

They also play dead to protect themselves from predators.

When startled they also release a foul smelling liquid from their knees.

They are omnivores – they eat other small insects, fruit, aphids.

They live from 2 to 3 years.

## Butterfly Facts

### National Geographic – Kids

<https://www.natgeokids.com/za/discover/animals/insects/butterfly-life-cycle/>

### BUTTERFLY FACTS FOR KIDS

<https://www.scienceforkidsclub.com/butterfly-facts.html>

- Butterflies are insects
- Butterflies flap their wings about five times every second.
- Butterflies taste their food with their front feet.
- There are about 17,500 different species of butterflies.
- In America the monarch butterfly migrates 1800 miles every fall to the warmer climates of California and Mexico.
- Butterflies have many different sizes and colors. The smallest butterfly is only about 1/8 of an inch whereas the largest butterfly is nearly 12 inches.
- Butterflies are insects and are born as a crawling 'caterpillar'.
- There are four lifecycle parts to a butterfly: egg, larva (known as a caterpillar), pupa (known as a chrysalis and adult (known as a butterfly).
- Butterflies have the ability to see the colors green, red and yellow.
  - This is useful for them when finding flowers.
  - A majority of butterflies actually eat the nectar inside of flowers.



- Butterflies, like many insects have their skeletons on the outside of their body. This is called 'exoskeleton' and protects their inner bodies so the moisture doesn't dry out.
- When you look at a butterfly you might think it has only two wings, but it actually has four wings.
- The wing of a butterfly is very colorful. The wings are actually made up of very tiny scales.

### Life Cycle of a Butterfly – Jack Hartman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4PgIjcarTA>

### Science Fun: Creating a Butterfly Garden – You might even find a few lady bugs popping by!



#### Make a Butterfly Garden

What you will need:

- Gardening tools
- Soil
- A Watering can or hose
- Plants that will attract butterflies

Children LOVE butterflies! This is a fun gardening project you can do with your child, while enjoying the great outdoors! They will have a chance to observe butterflies in their natural environment, along with recognizing and identifying the stages of the butterfly's life cycle. Your child will enjoy "getting dirty", digging, planting, and watering several flowers and grasses that are used to attract butterflies.

Select an area in your backyard that will get 6-8 hours of sunlight and is sheltered from wind. Choose plants that grow well in our area, and make sure to include flowering plants to

attract adult butterflies. Some of the most popular are daisies, violets, thistle, zinnias, milkweed, and black-eyed susans, just to name a few. You can research the butterflies and plants that are native in our area. And then be patient, because it may take a few weeks. Have fun!

## Go on a Bug Hunt!

What could be a better way for your child to learn about their natural environment than a bug hunt in your own backyard? Not only is it fun, but it can lead to wonderful adventures and imaginative play.

What you will need:

- Plastic tweezers or wooden spoon
- Clean jars
- Magnifying glass
- Soil



Begin your search by looking at the base of trees and bushes, flowers, and under rocks and logs. Make sure to put a small amount of soil in the bottom of the jar, and gently use the tweezers or spoon and place the bug in the jar. Next, examine the bug with the magnifying glass. Collect as many different kinds of bugs you can find. Make sure to put them back in their homes!

## Now, the questions!

- How many legs does the bug have?
- What color is it?
- How many body parts does it have?
- Can it fly?
- Does it sting?
- Where did I find it?
- What does it eat?



This experiment not only gets your child outdoors, but also gives them an opportunity to observe nature and learn that most bugs are gentle creatures, and not always the bad guy! Have fun!

## Blessing

Blessing

Oh, the Lord is good to me,  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me the things I need  
The sun, and the rain, and the apple seed.  
The Lord is good to me.  
Johnny Appleseed, Amen!

## Songs:

### Never Hurt A Ladybug - sung to "Yankee Doodle"

Ladybugs are in my yard.  
Just look at them devour  
Those pesky aphids on the leaves  
Of Mother's pretty flowers.  
Never hurt a ladybug.  
We need them in the garden.  
Ladybugs help flowers grow  
So we must never hurt them.

### Five Little Ladybugs

Five little ladybugs climbing up a door  
One flew away then there were four  
Four little ladybugs sitting on a tree  
One flew away then there were three  
Three Little ladybugs landed on a shoe  
One flew away then there were two  
Two little ladybugs looking for some fun  
One flew away and then there was one  
One little ladybug sitting in the sun  
She flew away and then there were none

### The Fuzzy Little Caterpillar

The fuzzy little caterpillar  
Curled up on a leaf  
Spun her little chrysalis  
And then fell fast asleep  
While she was sleeping  
She dreamed that she could fly  
And later when she woke up  
She was a butterfly

## Book Suggestions:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vkYmvxPOAJI>

The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlhucZKcALK>

Ladybug Girl by David Soman & Jacky Davis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mxw9bPrgh0>

Pete the Cat and the Cool Caterpillar by James Dean

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3zsR1V82wk>

Charlie the Caterpillar by Dom Deluise

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xx8VY2b2ZQc>

## Additional Activities:

Scholastic... April 2020 issue

Let's Find Out, online

"If You See a Spring Flower"

To access the scholastic magazine online it's:

[www.scholastic.com/lfo](http://www.scholastic.com/lfo)



The code is the same for all classes: PHBBLTK

**Kindness Rocks: Maybe paint BHPCNS on a rock and leave it where a Bradley Hills Friend can find it!**

### AT HOME

## COLUMBIA CRAFTS

### KINDNESS ROCKS



#### MATERIALS

- Palm-sized, smooth rocks
- Acrylic paint and thin brushes
- Clear outdoor sealant spray
- *Optional: paint pens or permanent marker*

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Paint every side of the rock to provide a background for your artwork.
- Once dry, decorate your rocks. Write positive messages with paint pens or permanent markers to spread the love.
- Once the paint is dry, spray the rocks with a clear outdoor sealant spray to protect them from the elements until they are found by others.
- Hide your Kindness Rocks where they can be easily found by passersby.

## HAVE FUN!

Share your finished masterpiece by emailing a photo of yourself holding your masterpiece to [ggeary@columbiacc.org](mailto:ggeary@columbiacc.org)