

**Sir Small and the Dragonfly** by:

O'Connor, Jane

A tiny knight must save Lady Teena, who is a dragonfly's prisoner.

**Rug Bug** by: Redbank, Tennant

After its home is destroyed by an unrolling rug, a bug gets a better place to live.

**Mighty Spiders** by: Robinson, Fay

In rhyme with realistic illustrations, this book explores all variety of spiders.

**Honey in a Hive** by: Rockwell, Anne

This fascinating book explains the lives and roles of bees.



**Tips for New Readers from Blogger and Passionate Reader, Jen Robinson**



**Make Reading an Enjoyable Experience** If your child feels like reading is work or punishment, he or she will end up being a resistant reader instead of a joyful reader. Sixth-grade teacher Sarah (who blogs at The Reading Zone) says: "As a teacher with a whole lot of reluctant 6th grade boy readers, I can't stress enough - LET READING BE FUN!"

**Read Aloud** The number one thing that parents can do to make reading enjoyable is to read aloud to and with their children. By reading aloud to your child, you can read more advanced stories than the child is ready for on his own. You can stop and discuss the ideas in the books, together. You show your child that you value reading, and that you value your time together. The benefits of reading aloud to your child are vast, and will endure for a lifetime. For parents who have difficulty reading aloud, try reading wordless picture books and telling your child a story based on the illustrations.

**Let Your Child Read the Kinds of Books that He or She Wants to Read** One of the biggest reasons why kids, especially boys, end up resistant to reading is that they are often encouraged to read books that aren't interesting to them, and they are discouraged from reading the things that they most enjoy. One of the best things that you can do if you want your child to read for pleasure is support your child's selection of reading material. If your child only likes FACTS, get him an almanac. Get sports fans biographies of sports figures. Whatever works. Whatever your child finds interesting is worthwhile.

**Tricia Stohr-Hunt** from **The Miss Rumphius Effect** has 3 suggestions that she likes, all from an article at *Reading Rockets*:

- Encourage activities that require reading - Cooking (reading a recipe), constructing a kite (reading directions), or identifying a bird's nest or a shell at the beach (reading a reference book) are some examples.

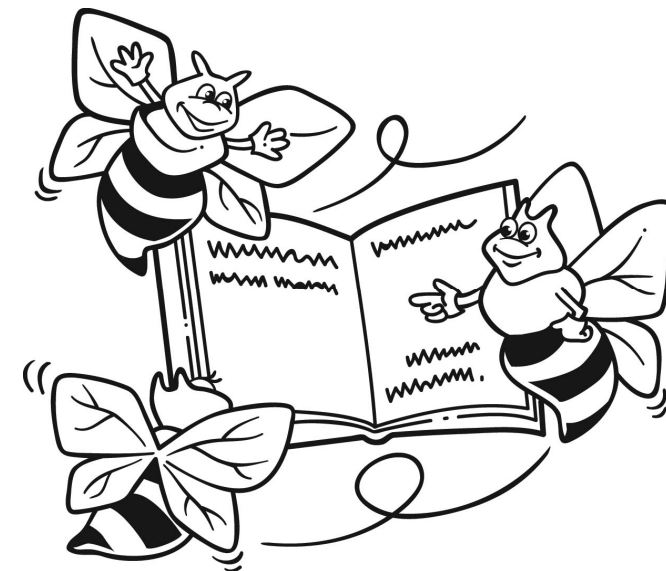
- Write short notes for your child to read - Write down his/her weekly household responsibilities for him/her to keep track of or put a note in his/her lunch bag.

- Give your child writing materials - Reading and writing go hand in hand. Children want to learn to write and to practice writing. If you make pencils, crayons, and paper available at all times, your child will be more inclined to initiate writing activities on his/her own.

# Summer Reading 2008

Catch the Reading Bug at Your Library

## Easy Reader Bug Books



**Shoo, Fly Guy** by: Arnold, Tedd  
A pet fly searches for his favorite brown, oozy, lumpy, smelly food.

**Bug in a Rug : Reading Fun for Just-Beginners** by: Cole, Joanna  
Includes simple stories and poems, labeled pictures, and rebuses to help young children discover the pleasure of reading.

**Inspector Hopper's Mystery Year** by: Cushman, Doug  
Join Inspector Hopper as he unravels a mystery each season of the year!

**One Hundred Shoes : A Math Reader** by: Ghigna, Charles  
In rhyming verse, this book ponders, sometimes mathematically, the different shoes a centipede might opt to wear.

**Bugs, Bugs, Bugs Series from Pebble Plus (Ex: Ants, Cicadas, Centipedes)** by: Hall, Margaret and Fran Howard  
Beautiful photographs and simple facts present many different bugs in this series, from ants to praying mantises.



**Butterfly Fever** by: Haskins, Lori  
The new kid in town, Ellie, learns about the monarch migration that ends annually in her town.

**Fireflies in the Night** by: Hawes, Judy  
A young girl learns about fireflies, their uses in other countries, and the proper way to treat them as she catches fireflies at her grandparent's summer home.



**From Caterpillar to Butterfly** by: Heiligman, Deborah  
A caterpillar is brought into a classroom, where the school children watch its growth.

**Ant Attack** by: James, Anne  
Jenny tries to outwit a colony of ants that have discovered her secret candy stash.

**Bug Stew!** by: Jordan, Apple  
An easy-to-read, rhyming tale of Timon, Pumbaa, and Simba, who spend a day searching for and eating all sorts of tasty bugs.

**How a Seed Grows** by: Jordan, Helene J.  
Readers will learn how a seed grows and be instructed how to grow their own plants.

**Miss Spider's New Car** by: Kirk, David  
Miss Spider and her husband go shopping for a car.



**Princess Buttercup: A Flower Princess Story** by: Lewison, Wendy Cheyette  
To celebrate the first day of spring, six princesses plan a party. Meanwhile Princess Buttercup befriends a monarch butterfly that joins the party.

**A Fly Went By** by: McClintock, Mike  
While relaxing by the lake, a fly goes by a young boy who, in rhyme, unravels a long chain of animals and misunderstandings.

**Creepy Crawlers** by: Moore, Mark  
A book of bug themed jokes.