

Insect Movement Cube Activity Form

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NTMN Trunk: Pollinator

Activity Name: Movement Cube

Indoor or Outdoor (Season): Either

Appropriate for Grades/Ages: pre-school/2-4 yrs.

Time Required: 15-20 minutes

Materials Required: Movement Cube in Pollinator Trunk or make your own

Brief Description of the Activity:

Discuss how insects move in different ways. Show them the cube and discuss how they might move. Then allow them to take turns rolling the cube. The student must then move like the insect pictured on the cube.

Procedure:

1. Students should sit in a circle on the floor or at a table.
2. Discuss what insects are and that there about 1 million different kinds.
3. All insects have **3** body parts, the head, the thorax and the abdomen.
Spiders are not insects as they have only 2 body parts.
4. All insects have **6** legs attached to the thorax.
5. All insects have **2** antennae.
6. **SOME** insects have wings, but not all. Some beetles have part of their wings hidden underneath their hard outer wings.
7. Discuss how insects move in different ways. Show them the cube and discuss how they might move. Then allow them to take turns rolling the cube. The student must then move like the insect pictured on the cube.

Hints for Set-Up and Take-Down:

If you want your own cube, find pictures on the internet and custom make your own.

Suggested Extensions:

Create insects that have three body parts, 2 antennae and 6 legs.

Resources to help prepare for this lesson: