



Elementary Art Lesson Plan “Lacewings, Flies and other Bugs”

Learning Objectives: The learner will hear the “Little Big Read” book *Ace Lacewing – Bug Detective* by David Biedrycki and then create a line drawing of insects. The student will learn the body parts of adult insects as they create their drawing, exploring the design effects of line patterns.

Unit of Study: Design

Art Elements Emphasized: Line, Shape

Art Principles Emphasized: Repetition / Pattern

Estimated Duration of Project: approximately 1 hour plus reading of book

Materials List: paper (12x18) pencil black marker crayons
pictures of a variety of adult insects (include a picture of a lacewing fly)
Ace Lacewing – Bug Detective

Resources: *Teaching Art With Books Kids Love* pp87-89

Vocabulary Words: Body parts of an insect including:

Head	Abdomen	Thorax	Antennae
Compound Eyes	Legs (6)	Wings	

Lesson Process:

- Read the story.
- Look at pictures of different types of adult insects and find how they look alike and how they look different. Point out the different body parts of the insect using the vocabulary words as you explore the pictures.
- Demonstrate how to draw an insect and let the students draw one with the teacher step by step.
- After practicing, have the students draw 5 to 7 insects on their paper. Each should face a different direction and be different in size and shape.
- Within each area or body part of the insects have the students create a line pattern.
- After the drawing of the insects and line patterns is complete trace over the pencil lines with a medium tipped black marker.
- Have the students color the insects with crayons after the marker work is finished. Demonstrate to the class how crayons can be blended and how the amount of pressure on the crayon can cause the color to be light or dark. Encourage them to color in the lines that they have created.

Project Criteria:

- A different pattern and shape is created for each insect.
- The placement of the insects and the design patterns and colors used creates a unified design.
- The insects are drawn with all of their anatomical parts.
- Work is neatly done.