

Clay Ladybugs

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The children will:

1. Learn the different body parts of a ladybug.
2. Practice small motor skills and following directions.

Materials

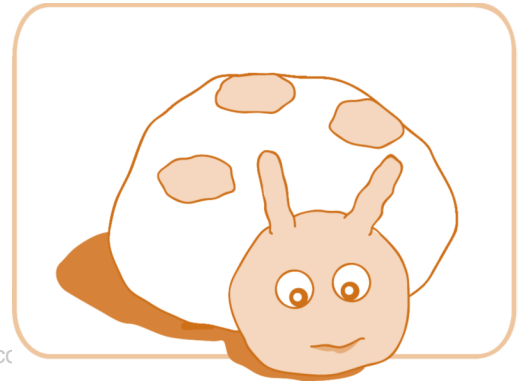
images of ladybugs
red and black clay
small wiggle eyes

VOCABULARY

abdomen	bug	jointed legs	thorax
antennae	head	ladybug	wings
black	insect	red	

WHAT TO DO

1. Engage the children in a discussion about ladybugs. Display images of ladybugs and their body parts. Talk to the children about the various body parts ladybugs (and all insects) have, including the head, pronotum (behind the head), thorax (middle section where legs are attached), abdomen (body behind the thorax where most of the organs are), wings, antennae, and legs.



2. Demonstrate how to roll a circular red body and a smaller black head.
3. Add black clay dots to the red body, black clay antennae to the head and wiggle eyes to the face.
4. As the children construct their own clay ladybugs, discuss the different body parts of ladybugs.

ASSESSMENT

Consider the following:

- How many sections does the body of a ladybug have? What are they called?
- How many antennae do ladybugs have?
- How many legs do ladybugs have?

Children's Books

Are You a Ladybug? by
Judy Allen
A Ladybug's Life by
John Himmelman
Ten Little Ladybugs by
Melanie Gerth

Kimberly Hutmacher, Illiopolis, IL