

BUGS - PRESCHOOL PLAY LABS

Explore, experiment, play



OVERVIEW

Play Labs are hands-on activity stations for younger learners and their caregivers, designed to spark a lifelong joy of science right from the start. Customizable to suit the needs of your school, library, club, or organization

FLEXIBLE FORMAT

Our play lab stations can be used for an instructor-led classroom experience or a more lightly facilitated drop-in event.

Classroom Experience: a museum instruction specialist visits your preschool classroom for a structured session including storytimes and time for students to explore the stations.

Group size: Up to 30 students

Event time: 50 min

Drop-in Event: a museum instruction specialist sets up and lightly facilitates hands-on stations for kids and their caregivers to experience together, coming and going from the program as their time (and naptime!) allows.

Group size: Up to 50 participants

Event time: 60 min

INCLUDED STATIONS

For each play lab, we'll bring six stations plus themed story books. We're also happy to discuss other available stations to best meet the needs of your theme, space, or attendees.

For Bugs, the included stations are:

Imaginative Play

This station gets young kids excited to be a part of the science! Buzz around and deliver pollen from flowers to a beehive.



Science Specimens

We are the Science Museum, after all! The station includes beautiful pinned and mounted insects from our education collection.



Turn-taking Game

Practice taking turns or play cooperatively with this simple game. Match butterfly wings and learn about symmetry at the same time!



Sorting Practice

Try sorting large plastic insects by color, shape, size, or whatever else you can think of! Use grabbers for fine motor practice too.



Make-and-take Craft

Make a bee puppet of your own to take home and keep the buzz going after the program.



Big Floor Puzzles

Two large-scale floor puzzles with exciting insect visuals.



Themed Storybook Selections

We'll bring a few of our favorite books along to either read aloud or have out for families to take a break with!

