

Buggy Math

Lesson related to *The Very Quiet Cricket* by Eric Carle

Lesson Summary

Students will create number sentences with pictures and numbers.
Students will practice adding symbols.

Template

buggy_math.kia



Lesson Steps

- Read *The Very Quiet Cricket* by Eric Carle.
- Talk about the characteristics of a bug.
- Open and display the template buggy_math.kia.
- Demonstrate how to add insect symbols to the jars. Reinforce that not all the symbols in the library are insects.
- Demonstrate how to enter numbers in the oval symbols.
- Demonstrate the eraser, undo, and student name tools.
- Help the students print out their finished menus.

Extension Ideas

- Bring in a variety of insect books for students to read.
- Have students visit the Enchanted Learning web site to learn more about insects.

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/insects/printouts.shtml>

- Create a class book out of the pages.

Buggy Math- example

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Untitled" with a yellow title bar. The main content area is white and features the text "Buggy Math" in a large, black, sans-serif font. Below the text, there is a visual math problem. On the left, a white jar with a red lid contains three orange butterflies. Below the jar is a yellow circle containing the number "3". To the right of this jar is a plus sign "+". Next is another white jar with a red lid containing two blue beetles. Below this jar is a yellow circle containing the number "2". To the right of the second jar is an equals sign "=", followed by a yellow circle containing the number "5". The software interface includes a toolbar at the top with various icons and a vertical toolbar on the left with insect icons. At the bottom, there is a status bar with the text "Color: Size: #5" and several icons.