

June Bug Color Exploration

June Bugs are making a reappearance with the warm weather! They have interesting and inspiring coloring that can be a catalyst to inspire color exploration with the children in your classroom.

Materials:

- Images of June Bugs (digital or hard copy)
- Magnifying glasses
- Various art materials

Invite children to study and observe images of June Bugs (or the real thing if available!). Offering magnifying glasses for children to use helps them focus attention on the details. Facilitate discussion during the observation. Invite children to name various colors they see present on the June Bugs. Help them record their findings with drawings and words.

Once children have identified the colors of the June Bug, invite them to find art materials that represent and match those colors. Use these materials in various ways, i.e. various pieces of paper collages, color mixing using paint, drawings with colored pencils or crayons.

Look and Listen for Learning

- Material Properties
- Creativity
- Observation
- Fine Motor Skills

Teaching Tips

- This is a wonderful activity for teachers make observations. Invite children to identify and name as many colors as they can. Use your notes for assessment.
- This exploration may extend into many days. Giving children multiple opportunities to explore the subject of color through various materials further deepens their knowledge and language of what color is and how it can be used and changed.

Questions to pose:

- What details do you see when you look closely at the June Bug?
- How can you recreate or match that color you see on the June Bug?
- What other materials can you use to explore the colors of the June Bug?