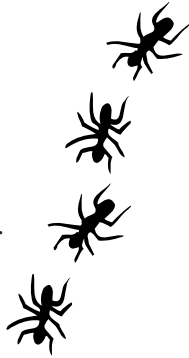


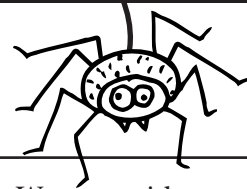
Buggy Rhymes

Calling your child's attention to the sounds in words by using rhyming or alliteration games help him or her on his or her way to becoming a reader. Share some of these "buggy" rhymes and fingerplays with your child.

The ants go marching one by one,
Hurrah, hurrah.
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The ants go marching one by one,
The little one stops to suck his thumb,
And they all go marching down
Into the ground, to get out of the rain.
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
Two ... tie his shoe ...
Three ... climb a tree ...
Four ... shut the door ...
Five ... take a dive ...
Six ... pick up sticks ...
Seven ... pray to heaven ...
Eight ... shut the gate ...
Nine ... check the time ...
Ten ... say "THE END."



Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet
Eating her curds and whey.
Along came a spider
Who sat down beside her
And frightened Miss Muffet away.



The Eensy Weensy spider
Climbed up the water spout;
Down came the rain
And washed the spider out;
Out came the sun
And dried up all the rain;
And the Eensy Weensy spider
Climbed up the spout again.

Children chant the following rhyme when a ladybug lands on them. If the ladybug doesn't fly away on its own, the child gently blows it away chanting:

Ladybug, ladybug fly away home,
Your house is on fire, your children alone.

One, two, three
There's a bug on me!
(Pretend to flick it off.)
Where did it go? (Look around.)
I don't know! (Shrug shoulders.)

This rhyme is great for teaching the "fl" sound:

A flea and a fly in a flue
Were stuck so what could they do?
Said the flea, "Let us fly."
Said the fly, "Let us flee."
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

