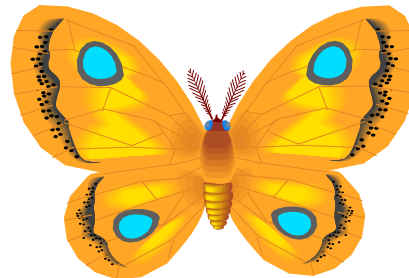
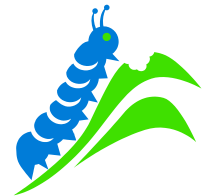
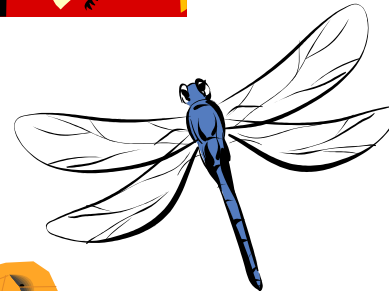
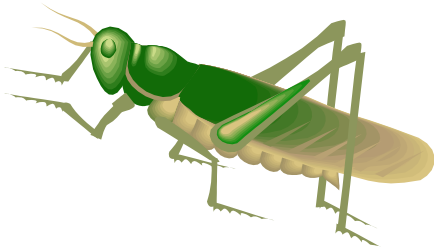
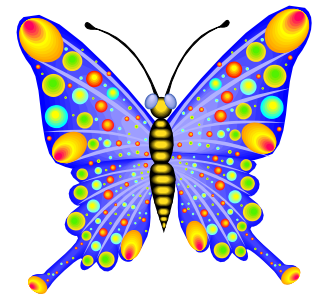




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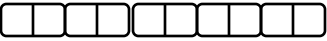
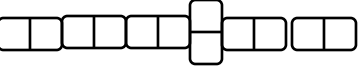


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Bug Dominoes

Dominoes is not only a fun game, it is now a learning tool as well. Over here at Preschool Inspirations, we developed this printable dominoes game to go along with all the bug-focused materials we are sharing. By simply downloading, printing, and laminating you can provide your kiddos with the opportunity to practice matching and recognition skills, motor skills, introduction to nature, and have fun at the same time.

Instructions:

1. If you haven't already, download and print a copy of the Bug Domino pages on card stock.
2. Cut out the individual domino pieces (2 pictures per piece); you can laminate them for durability.
3. To play:
 1. Gently shuffle the dominoes to mix them up.
 2. Place dominoes face down but do not stack them.
 3. Have each player select 5 or 6 dominoes without looking first (use 5 for more players and 6 for less).
 4. Once you have selected your dominoes you may look at them. You might also consider using folded pieces of paper to use as a "screen" since these dominoes don't sit and you don't want others to see what you have.
 5. Each player draws a single domino to determine who starts. The player who drew a double starts; if no one drew a double then reshuffle all dominoes and draw again. A double is a domino with 2 of the same picture.
 6. The starting player chooses a piece to play first. The first player will lay the chosen piece on the table. The next player must match one side of one of her pieces to one side of the piece that was played. If a player has a playable domino, he must play it. If he does not wish to play it, he can pass his turn to play to the next player by knocking on the table. Play continues with each player having to match a piece on the table or pass.
 7. Non-double dominoes are placed end to end to make a line: 
 8. Double dominoes are placed perpendicular to the play line: 
 9. After a double domino has been played, you can build off the new ends formed by the double to form 2 more lines of play.
 10. Play all the dominoes in your hand to win the round. If the game becomes blocked, and no more plays can be made, the player with the least amount of dominoes leftover wins.







Unknown Beetle – possibly in the milkweed beetle family



Monarch Butterfly



Unknown Beetle – possibly in the ladybug family



Young Millipede



Green Bird Grasshopper



Unknown Caterpillar



Bluet Damselfly

About Marta...

I am the proud mother of 2 small-ish boys; one of which has been a bug-lover since the tender age of 3. I work part-time as a geologist for a small environmental firm in Albuquerque, NM. I am so blessed that I am able to do the majority of my work from a home office which has allowed me to stay home with my precious boys.

I would like to dedicate this Bug Domino Game to all the amazing moms and teachers out there who dedicate their lives to the little-bittles and to my special son, Z-man, who can't wait to share his knowledge of bugs with anyone who will listen!

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Z-man and I hope you enjoy this domino game!

Blessings,
Marta

Please remember that bugs are an integral part of our ecosystems – Z-man and I beg you not to kill bugs unnecessarily. Please remember that many bugs can cause painful bites, even if they are not poisonous. Please treat them with respect and see a physician should you suspect you have been bitten and it isn't healing.