

THE THING ABOUT BEES: A LOVE LETTER

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Integration Themes:

Art, Literature, Science, and Social and Emotional Learning

Summary:

Bees are busy or bee-zy. Bees, through pollination, nourish our planet by helping plants reproduce the foods we need to live. One in three bites of food we eat is pollinated by the insect population.

This sweet and funny read aloud is a love letter to bees and filled with important lessons about the interconnectedness of all living things.

Materials:

Corks, half of a pipe cleaner/chenille stem, small sticks or wire for antennae, yarn, string, or thread plastic wrapping, cellophane, scrap paper or packaging snippets, googly eyes, sequins, or beads, glue, scissors.

Directions:

1. Measure approximately 24 inches of yarn, string, thread, or a combination of materials.
2. Dot one cork with glue and wrap yarn around the perimeter, stopping just before the center.
3. Cut a piece of the plastic about 3 inches, pinch it in the middle, and hold it on top of the cork. Crisscross yarn over the "wings" onto the cork and then wrap yarn around the rest of the cork. Add more glue to secure the wings.
4. Choose which flat end of the cork will be the face, glue on eyes, or use markers to draw them on. Pro tip - bees have five eyes!
5. Use a piece of wire, stick, or a very short pipe cleaner folded in a V shape for the bee's antennae. If using yarn or sticks, glue to the top portion of the cork. If using a pipe cleaner scrap, simply twist around the cork and shape it to resemble antennae.

