

4th Grade Insect Collection

We will be doing an Insect Collection in September. Now is the best time to begin looking for bugs! You will need around 25 different kinds of insects (creatures with 6 legs) for your collection. They will also need to be identified -- such as "Rhino Beetle," "Horse Fly," etc. There are a lot of insects out and about now that will not be seen later in the fall. So I strongly suggest you begin collecting them now. Insects that are already dead are fine to bag and save if they still look good. The best way to collect live insects (for me, anyway) is to use Ziploc bags and scoop them up into the bag. Then just place them in your freezer and they will go to sleep and die. Another way is to drop a cotton ball wet with alcohol into the bag with your insect. No freezer is needed for this, but the bugs will still die eventually. (Remember to keep them at all times where no live insects or animals can get to them.) We will discuss at school ways to mount and display your collection. ☺

Just look around this summer -- bugs are EVERYWHERE! Have fun (and be nice!) finding and studying God's beautiful creation!

Love,
Mrs. Cox

