

The Icky Bug Counting Book

by Jerry Pallotta

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In this book, author Jerry Pallotta reveals fascinating facts about some common and some unusual bugs while counting from 1 to 26. Take advantage of the enthusiasm created by the book by having children observe bug behavior and record it in a science observation notebook.

More Icky Bugs: Ask the children what bugs they have seen in real life or on television. Discuss the disclaimer on the dedication page of the book and point out that while not all insects are bugs, all bugs are insects. Draw a diagram to illustrate this point. Ask students to create their own diagrams to illustrate the logic of groups and subgroups.

Bug Poster: Make a poster-sized list of all the bugs in the book, i.e., 1 Zebra Swallowtail Butterfly, 2 Yellowjacket Flies, 3 *Xysticus elegans*, etc. to highlight the secret reason the book counts up to 26.

