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Center for Child and Family Development

Early Learning Express: July 2017

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And with summer comes insects, and with insects come flies…

Our first summer session on the Early Learning Express begins with the shadow play performance of "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly." While most of the children have not heard this classic song, they quickly catch on and join in as we repeat back all the animals swallowed by the Old Lady.

We follow this up with a reading of "Tiny Little Fly" written by Michael Rosen and illustrated by Kevin Waldron. In this book we follow a buzzing fly on his journey past three large creatures at the watering hole – an elephant, a hippo, and a tiger. No one is particularly pleased when the Tiny Little Fly lands on them, and each animal does his or her best to catch that fly. Will our Tiny Little Fly escape?

For groups with the attention span, we also read "The Buggliest Bug" by Carol Diggory Shields. A contest for insects takes place, but there is something suspicious about the characters judging the show. What could it be? Though she doesn't believe she is "cleaver or frilly" leave it to Damselfly Dilly to save the day!

The second half of July brings some attitude with it with some books and puppets portraying different emotions. What will Sueño choose to do? "Mouse Was Mad" by Linda Urban… "Martha Doesn't Say Sorry" by Samantha Berger… "The Feeling Book" by Todd Parr? We will see!