Campbell Creek Science Center

Create a Critter

Animals have many features that help them survive. Invent your own imaginary creature with unique characteristics in this fun craft activity.

Directions

- 1. Head outside to look for insects, spiders, millipedes, and other small, crawling creatures. Look on leaves, in the ground, and under rocks and logs.
- Remember that small crawling creatures are alive. Be gentle and respectful with them.
- 2. Once you find one, look closely at it. How many legs does it have? Does it have antennae? Where are its eyes? What and how does it eat?
- 3. Look around for another small crawler. What similarities and differences do you notice compared to the first one?
- 4. Now, use your craft materials, build your own imaginary creature. Use the checklist below to ensure your creature is designed to survive.
- 5. When you're finished, give your creature a name and take it with you on your next critter hunting adventure!

- Assorted craft materials:
 pipe cleaners, ribbon, yarn,
 googly eyes, feathers, toilet
 paper rolls, cotton balls,
 nylons, old socks, etc.
- Glue, glue stick, or stapler

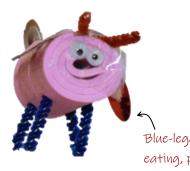
Questions

Materials

- 1. What makes one kind of insect different from another?
- 2. How do animals survive in different environments?

Create a Critter Survival Checklist

- □ **Environment**: Where does it live? (Soil? Forests? Tundra? Streams? Beach?)
- Transportation: How does it get around?
- o **Food:** What does it eat? How does it get its food?
- Protection: How does it protect itself from predators?
 (Armor? Camouflage? Poison? Quickness? Hidden den?)



Blue-legged, spidereating, poisonous, redantennae bug





