



Educator Guide

~Little Bee: The Buzz About the Party~

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Welcome to the Educator Guide for ***Little Bee: The Buzz About the Party*** (Annick Press, 2026) written by Danny Neville and illustrated by Colleen McKeown. This document is meant to support and enrich the reading experience through hands-on activities, vocabulary-building exercises, writing prompts, and discussion starters. Although it says 'educator' guide, anyone is welcome to use these pages. Also, check out the [discussion questions](#) on the Annick Press page. Have fun!

~Danny



Writing Prompts

A party for your senses.

Think of a party that you've been to in the past, or one you'd love to go to in the future. Using all 5 senses, write a scene for a story that describes the party. What is happening around you? What kinds of food can you smell? What does the party sound like? Can you feel the crinkly wrapping paper or the cold floor beneath your feet?

Write a letter.

Imagine you are Bee, Tiam, or Sarah. Write a letter to a real classmate telling them all about the Mother's Day celebration. What details would you include? How do you feel about the party now that it's over? Maybe your friend will even write you back?!

Cheesy greeting cards.

Come up with 5 cheesy lines for greeting cards using the bug theme. Single syllable words are the easiest way to start (like bee, ant, or buzz). "Thanks for being a brilli-ANT friend!" or "You are one in a BUZZ-illion!" Try using your lines with the card-making tips in this guide!

Create a new pizza recipe.

Check out Bee's Super-Duper Deluxe Queen Bee Pizza recipe, then use the template to create your own. Use your own pizza toppings or create a brand new recipe for your favourite party food. Don't forget to give detailed instructions!



Gendered vs Non-gendered

Gendered words assume an individual's gender identity. In the book, Bee and her friends figure out the inclusive nature of non-gendered vocabulary. Complete the activity below to find non-gendered ways to say some everyday terms, then find a few of your own!

Gendered Word	Non-gendered Word
waitress	server
fireman	
	flight attendant
husband	
sister	



Card-Making

In the book, Bee and her friends make cards for their loved ones. Card-making is simple, right? Just fold a piece of paper and voilà! But here are some tips and tricks to level-up your card-making skills.

Add 3D elements.

Cut a strip of paper about 1cm wide and fold it back and forth like an accordion. Glue one end onto the card and one end onto a cutout image like a tree or a heart.

Layer paper on paper.

Use different colours of paper to add depth to your cards. Cut the paper so it's just a bit smaller than the card to create a border. You can even do it more than once!

Use textures.

Find some rough, bumpy, or uneven surfaces like a brick wall, pavement, bubble wrap, or recycled food packaging. Put your card on top and colour it using crayons or coloured pencils to create unique patterns. Markers don't work very well for this trick.

Cut the edges.

Try cutting the corners off your card in interesting ways, or cut one or both sides of your cards into hearts, zigzag lines, or cloud shapes.

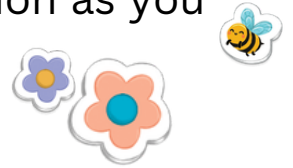
Use other types of paper.

Use scraps of paper to add new details to your cards. Try origami paper, old magazines, flyers, cardboard, discarded books, or even used cards!



Making Connections

Making connections while reading helps us to think about the book. Try to find at least 2 of each type of connection as you read *Little Bee: The Buzz About the Party*.



Text-to-Text Connections (connected to another book)

I read a book like this before! They're similar because...	Something like this happened in another book I read...
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Text-to-Self Connections (connected to my own experience)

I feel the same way as the character in the book when...	Something similar happened to me one time...
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Text-to-World Connections (connected to other things that happen)

I saw something like this on TV when...	This reminds me of when I learned about...
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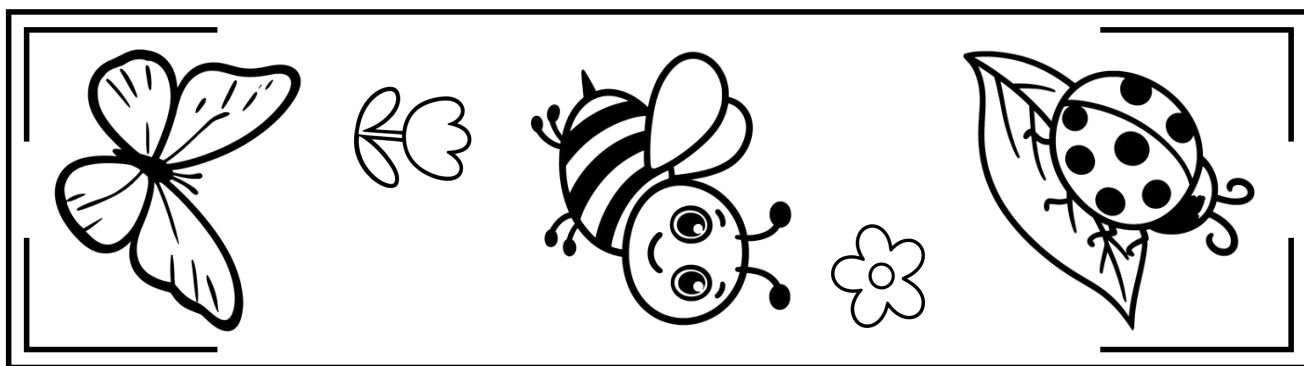
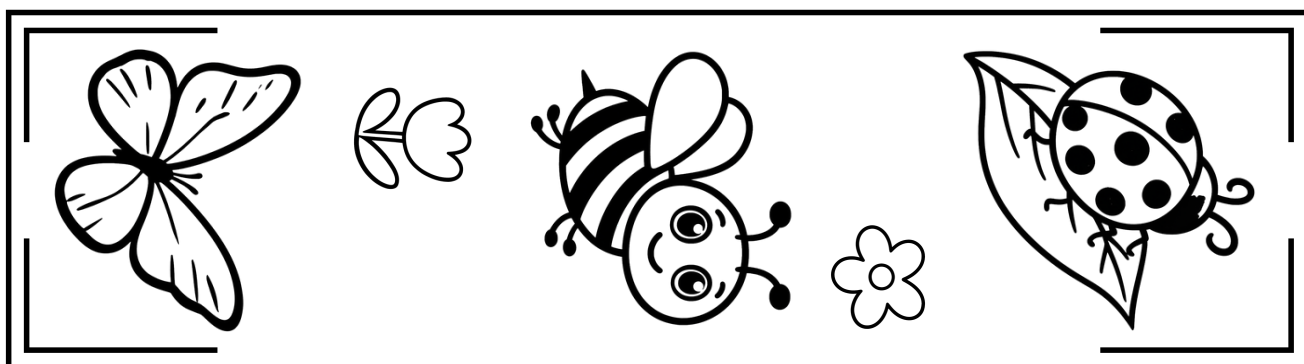
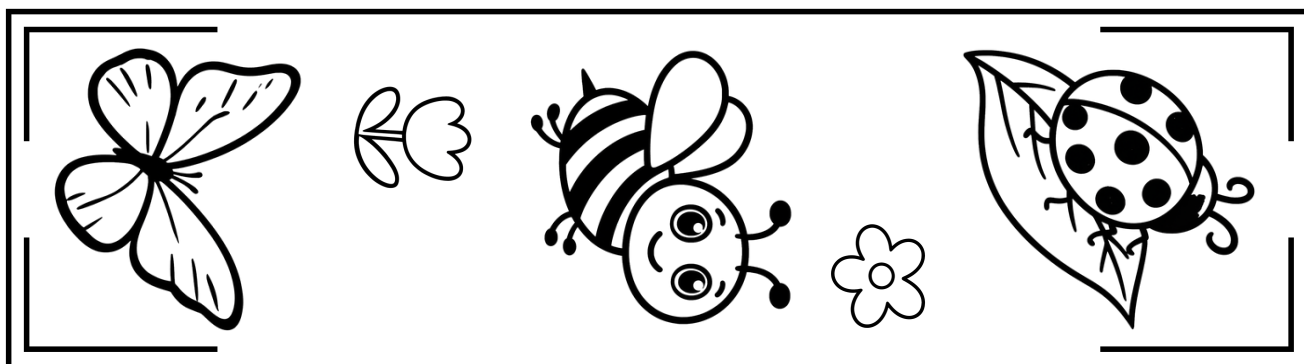
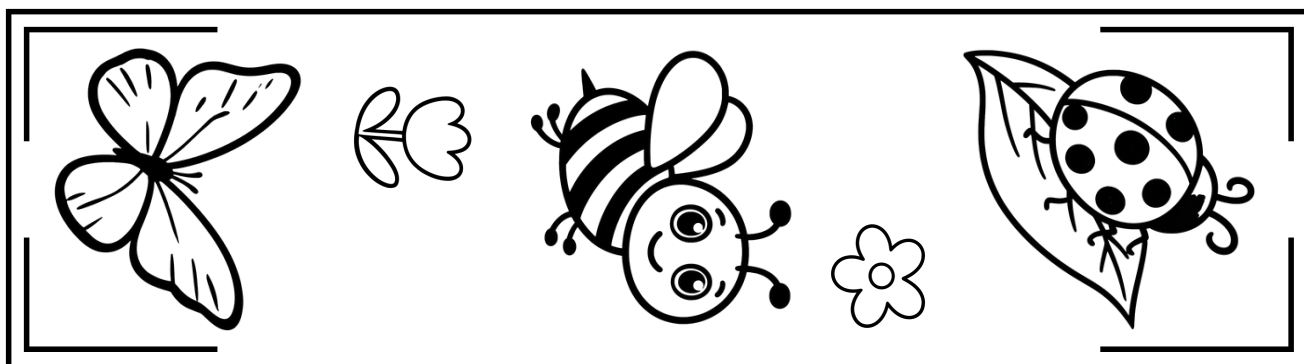


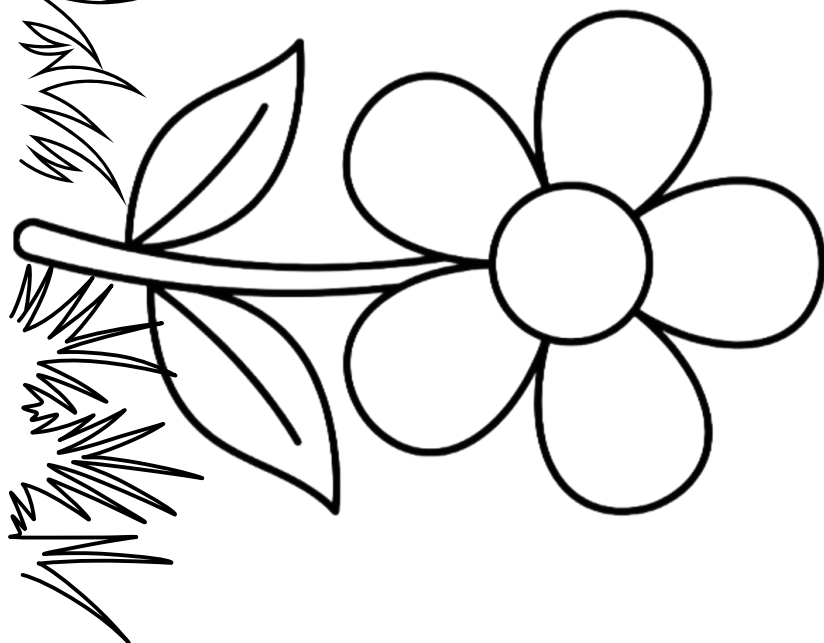
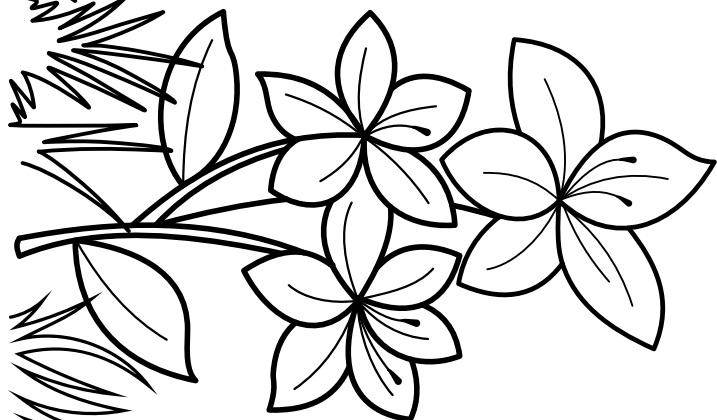
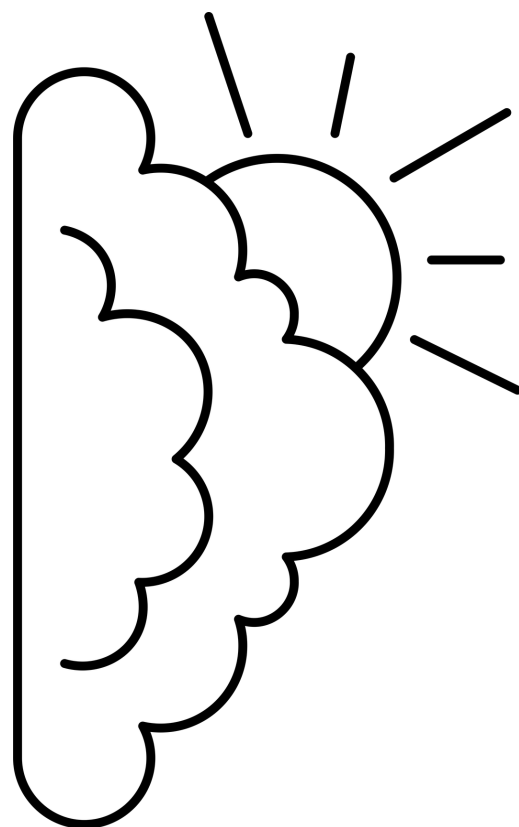
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RECIPE CARD



Title: _____

Cook time: Prep time: Serves:

Ingredients:

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Directions:



RECIPE CARD



Title: Super-Duper Deluxe Queen Bee Mini Pizzas

Cook time: 12 mins

Prep time: 20 mins

Serves: 6-8

Ingredients:

Dough:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup Greek yogurt (high protein/fullfat is best)

Toppings:

- Pizza sauce
- Pepperoni
- Sliced olives (optional!)
- Roasted red peppers, chopped
- Mozzarella cheese, shredded
- Fresh basil
- Spicy honey drizzle!

Directions:

Wash your hands. Sift the flour and baking powder together. Add the yogurt. Mix it with your hands for about 2 minutes until it's really smooth. Sprinkle some flour on a clean surface, then plop the dough out. Sprinkle the top with a bit more flour, then press it with your hands (or a rolling pin) until the dough is about one cm thick. Use round cookie cutters to make mini pizza shapes. Spread a tiny bit of sauce on each pizza and add the toppings. Put the cheese on last, then get some help from a grown-up to bake them for about 12 minutes. Add the fresh basil and spicy honey after they come out of the oven. Freeze the leftovers for your lunchbox!

P.S. If you don't like my toppings, you can use anything you want! :)



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WORD SEARCH

A	H	R	G	Q	P	J	F	O	E	N	I	D	M	C
S	K	N	Z	P	A	R	E	N	T	M	Y	L	X	L
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Name: _____

Date: _____

Check off the words as you find them.

☐ BUZZ

☐ HIVE

☐ PARENT

☐ SCHOOL

☐ DADDY

☐ BUGS

☐ PAPA

☐ POTLUCK

☐ PARTY

☐ WINGS

☐ MOTHER

☐ HONEYBEE

☐ INSECT

☐ LADYBUG

☐ PIZZA

☐ BUTTERFLY





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| ☐ PARTY | ☐ WINGS |
| ☐ MOTHER | ☐ HONEYBEE |
| ☐ INSECT | ☐ LADYBUG |
| ☐ PIZZA | ☐ BUTTERFLY |

