

A Day in the Life of a Recycled insect

Objective:

-Learners will create an insect out of recycled material (computer parts) and write an narrative piece about a day in the life of their unique insect .

Supplies:

~Computer/Electronic parts (We use what is left over after students take apart electronics at our Take-Apart Cart.)

~Hot Glue Gun or other adhesive

~Scissors

~Access to computers/devices or paper/pencil for writing.

1. Discuss insects and discover what students know about the parts of an insect and why insects are important to the life cycle/food chain via a KWL chart. (Head, Thorax, Abdomen)
2. Introduce the building activity. Let them know that while they are creating, they should also be thinking about what parts make a insect and what is special about their insect, as they will be writing a story about it.
3. Show them the recycled materials they will be working with to create their insect and let them begin to use their imagination to create.
4. Once students have their insect completed, they will find a spot where they can productively write using technology or pencil/paper and begin their story.
5. Once students have been writing for awhile, have them pair share and get feedback from a peer.
6. As students finish, have an insect share out of stories and creations!

