

We've Been Busy Bees

If you study plants at the beginning of each year, this pollination activity is a favorite. This is a great follow up activity after reading the book, **From Seed to Plant** by Gail Gibbons

1. Each child decorates a flower.
2. Then they each make a bumble bee, glue it on a popsicle stick, and glue a cotton ball on the underside of the bee so there will be something for the "pollen" to stick to. If you don't want to make a bee or don't have time, you can buy tagboard bees at the dollar store, and use them. They are very durable...and cheap!
3. Glue a cupcake liner to the middle of the flower and put a spoonful of "pollen" (yellow cake mix, lemon is good too) in the cup.
4. Have the kids dip their bees in the pollen and then fly around and pollinate all the other flowers in the room.

If your students need a hive for their bee to fly back to, take bubble wrap, paint the bumpy side with brown or tan paint, carefully place the painted side down on a yellow paper with a hive drawn or copied on it. Remove bubble wrap and discard. Let hive dry, cut a slit in it and student can slip the popsicle stick in and the bee is home!







