# Ladybugs Are Not Only Ladies

**Grade Level:** First Grade

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## Objective:
The objective of this lesson is to help students understand:
- Living styles of ladybugs
- Not all ladybugs are females
- Appearances of ladybugs

## Materials:
- “The Grouchy Ladybug” by Eric Carle
- Small rock
- Paint
- Pipe cleaners
- Sheet protectors
- Beads
- Magnetic strip
- Glue

## Procedure:
**Lesson 1:**
- First the book “The Grouchy Ladybug” will be read out to the children.
- Be open to questions because children tend to ask questions during this book.

**Lesson 2:**
- Explain to the children not all ladybugs are females. A way to distinguish between the two is the males are usually larger than the females.

**Lesson 3:**
- Students will get ready to create ladybug rocks
- Students will paint a rock how a ladybug should look.
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With the pipe cleaners the students will create little legs.
With the sheet protectors the students will paint those black and red also and then glue them onto the rock, this will be the wings.
The beads will be used as eyes
The teacher will then put a magnetic strip on the back so she can put them on the magnetic dry-erase board located in the classroom.

Lesson 4:
- Students will then head to the computer lab and sign onto their Pikikids account.
- With Pikikids the students will create a comic about ladybugs. They are able to create any story as long as there are ladybugs.

Evaluation:

Lesson 1:
- Students stay interested in the story and keep quiet while others are asking questions

Lesson 2:
- Students show respect to the teacher as she explains the genders of ladybugs

Lesson 3:
- Rocks are completely done and children are having fun
- All materials are put away

Lesson 4:
- The student’s comic strip involves ladybugs

Indiana Standards:

1.1 Describe objects in terms of the materials that compose them and in terms of their physical properties.
1.2 Observe, describe and ask questions about soil components and properties.
1.3 Observe, describe and ask questions about living things and their relationships to their environments