SNAIL AND WORM’s Event Kit!

Activities! Crafts! Printables! And other stuff! Wow!
A note from the author/illustrator and your new friend, Tina Kügler:

Hey! Wow! You are planning a SNAIL AND WORM event! You are the coolest! Here are a whole bunch of ideas for your super fun event.

Why am I, Tina Kügler, uniquely qualified to help YOU plan your event? I owned an independent children’s bookshop, and I used to work in the Youth Department of the Manitowoc Public Library, and I was a Cub Scout leader. That’s a lot of events, and storytimes, and workshops, and activities, and campfire programs, oh boy.

A good event (even a birthday party!) has a solid plan with small motor and large motor activities, as well as quiet time (storytimes). Think of the energy level like an airplane ride: boarding the plane, going down the runway, taking off, going waaaay up in the air, starting to descend, landing the plane, everybody off!

1. Gathering Activity (while participants are arriving)- coloring sheets or other “busy” activity, they can take it home if they don’t finish.
2. Opening/welcome- short discussion. Warm up the crowd!
3. Quiet/Listening Activity (storytime with storytime song)
4. Large Motor Activity (game or song with movements)
5. Small Motor Activity (art or craft activity)
6. Break (song, etc)- Seventh inning stretch!
7. Quiet/Listening Activity (storytime with storytime song)
8. Snack (optional)
9. Everybody go home! Whew!

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Party Planner

Whether this is your very first event or five-thousandth event, you need to have a plan in place.

Publicity plans:
How will you publicize your event? When do you need to start?

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Notes:

Staff/Helpers:
Do you have enough staff and/or volunteers to run the event?
Do you have the supplies you need for crafts and snacks?
Have you printed copies of name tags and activity sheets?

Notes:
## SNAIL AND WORM Event Program

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Decorations!
What’s a party without decorations?
Here are some ideas to transform your location into a garden wonderland.

Cut giant leaves out of green posterboard

Giant tissue paper flowers! There are many tutorials online, but I like this one from verywellfamily.com. You can give these away as party favors after your event.

You will need:
  Brightly colored tissue paper
  Green chenille stems/pipecleaners
  Scissors

**Step one**: neatly stack 6-10 unfolded sheets of tissue paper
**Step two**: fold the stack accordion-style, making folds about 1-inch wide (start at short end)
**Step three**: trim the corners so they are rounded
**Step four**: loop a chenille stem/pipecleaner around the center (this is the stem)
**Step five**: gently unfold the tissue paper to make petals

Have your staff wear Garden Crowns (see Art Activity) or flower crowns. Dress in all green or wear overalls!
Join us for a
Snail and Worm Party!

Date:  
Location:  

Time:  

Hey! Wow! Stories! Activities! Fun! Songs! And More Fun!
Join us for a
Snail and Worm Party!

Date:  
Location:  
Time:  

Hey! Wow! Stories! Activities! Fun!
Songs! And More Fun!
Oh my! Look at that!
Can you draw what Snail and Worm see?
Do you want to play?

Help Worm find Snail!

START

FINISH

from SNAIL AND WORM by Tina Kügler, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers * SnailandWorm.com
**Game:**

**Rex, Are You Ready?**

Rex is Snail’s pet. Snail thinks Rex is a dog, but I am not so sure about that.

**Read:** “Meet My Pet” from **SNAIL AND WORM**.

**Ask:** Do you think it would take Rex a long time to get dressed? Why?

**How to play:**
The players stand in a circle with “Rex” (another player) in the middle.

The players call, “Rex, Rex, are you ready?”
Rex answers, “No, I’m putting on my socks,” and pantomimes putting on his socks. The players imitate what he is doing. Again they ask “Rex, Rex, are you ready?” and he replies that he is putting on his shoes, sandals, boots, slippers, sneakers, flip-flops and so on, each time pantomiming putting on the items, while all the players imitate them. Whenever he wishes, Rex answers with “YES, I’M READY!” and tries to tag them. When a player is tagged, they become Rex and go into the middle.

*Adaption for younger players:* It may be difficult to think of enough pieces of clothing for their feet. They can make Rex put on his coat, hat, scarf, or anything else.
Game: Snail Says

How to play:
This game works like “Simon Says.”
Designate one person as Snail and the others as players. Snail stands in front of the players and tells them what they must do. Important: the players must only obey commands that begin with the words “Snail Says” or they are out. The last remaining player becomes Snail.

Remember to do BIG movements to get the wiggles out!

Suggestions:
Snail says....
Wiggle like Worm!
Act like a rock!
Wave your eyestalks!
Fly like a butterfly!
Crawl like a caterpillar!
Jump like a grasshopper!
Sing like a cricket!
Grow like a flower!
Art Activity: Wax Resist Leaf Rubbings
(Pro Tip: Do this activity towards the beginning of the event so the paintings have time to dry.)

You will need:
Paper (white copy paper is fine)
Crayons, preferably with wrapper peeled off, for leaf rubbings
( old/broken/worn-out crayons are GREAT for this)
Watercolor
Water cups
Brushes
Table coverings
Leaves
Paper towels

This is a fun art project with a little bit of secret science. Depending on the age of your participants, you can discuss more or less of the science behind the results.

How it works: Part of the paper is coated in wax from the crayons. It will resist (hence the name!) the water-based paint and gives a brilliant effect.

Step one: Write your name on your paper, then turn it over so your name is on the back.

Step two: Place the leaf under the paper. Using the sides of the crayons, do leaf rubbings. Press hard enough to get some opaque areas on the page, if your leaf rubbings are too light it won’t work. Use many different colors (even white!) and cover your paper with multiple leaf rubbings. Light & bright colors (white, yellow) turn out the best after painting.

Step three: Paint over the entire piece of paper with watercolors. Be sure to paint right over the wax. The bolder the color choices, the better!

Step four: Set each painting on top of a sheet of paper towel to dry.
Art Activity: Colorful Snail
Adapted from: http://colormybliss.blogspot.com
(Pro Tip: Do this activity towards the beginning of the event so the paintings have time to dry.)

You will need:
Glue sticks
Safety scissors
White coffee filters (1 per child)
Snail body template (next page) printed on white cardstock (1 per child)
Green construction paper, 9x12 (to mount paintings, 1 per child)
Black Sharpies (permanent markers)
Crayola or other multicolor markers (not permanent)
Spray bottle with water
Paper towels
Table coverings

Step one: Flatten a coffee filter. This will be Snail’s shell. Draw a spiral with a black Sharpie (you may need to help, depending on age of artist). Then color with multicolored markers.

Step two: Put coffee filter on paper towel. Mist with spray bottle. Colors will blend and children will be dazzled. Place coffee filter on a dry paper towel and set out to dry.

Step three: Color your snail body template with markers. Cut it out and write your name on the back. Set aside next to your (drying) shell.

Step four (at the end of event): Wait for coffee filter to dry. Write your name on a piece of green construction paper. Flip it over so your name is on the back. Glue coffee filter shell and snail body to paper (body on top of shell).
SNAIL BODY TEMPLATE
PRINT ON CARDSTOCK

Note: if you accidentally cut off Snail’s eyestalks—don’t panic! You can glue them to the mounting sheet at the end of the activity, it’s okay!
Art Activity: Worm Puppet

You will need:
5oz size paper cup (1 per child)*
Safety scissors
Green construction paper, 9x12 pre-cut into halves lengthwise
White glue (not a glue stick)
Rubber band (1 per child)
Straw, pre-cut into 2-inch length (1 segment per child)
Pipe cleaner/chenille stem (pink if possible, 1 per child)
*Pre-punch a pencil-sized hole in the bottom center of each paper cup.

Step one: Write your name on the bottom of the cup.

Step two: Lay down the construction paper so it is a long horizontal strip. Make vertical cuts into the top of your construction paper so it looks like a strip of grass. Don’t cut all the way through!

Step three: Apply glue all along the bottom half of your strip of construction paper, on one side only (do not flip over).

Step four: Press end of construction paper strip to cup and wrap around, pressing the glue side down as you wrap it. The blades of grass should be around the open top of the cup. Wrap the rubber band around to hold the grass in place until it dries.

Step five: Carefully insert the straw piece through the hole in the bottom of the cup so it is half in and half out. It should fit snugly. (You may need to assist, depending on age.)

Step six: Slide pipe cleaner worm through straw. Bend it into a “Z” shape to it doesn’t fall out of the cup, and you can control the puppet from the bottom. Bend each end of the pipe cleaner into a tiny “c” so the wire tips don’t poke little fingers. Act out the stories!
Art Activity: Garden Crowns

You will need:
Green construction paper, 12x18 pre-cut into halves lengthwise
Multicolored construction paper (optional- any size, scraps ok)
Staplers
Tape
Safety scissors
Crayons and/or markers
Snail & Worm printables (next page) printed on white cardstock
Glue sticks

Step one: Lay down the construction paper so it is a long horizontal strip. Write your name on one side and flip it over so your name is on the back.

Step two: Make vertical cuts into the top only of your construction paper so it looks like a strip of grass. Do not cut deeper than halfway down, you may need to draw a guide line on the back depending on the age of the child.

Step three: Draw grass and leaves on your crown.

Step four: Have an adult size it to the child’s head and staple it together. Tape over the staples on the inside of the crown so they don’t catch on the child’s hair.

Step five: Color and cut out Snail and Worm, 1 pair per crown. Draw flowers on multicolored construction paper and cut out (optional). Glue onto crown with glue sticks.
Snail & Worm Printables for Garden Crown
Print on white cardstock
I sing my storytime song every time I read a story to a group. First we stand up and we stretch out our arms, and stretch out our legs, and most importantly, we stretch out our EARS. (WHAT?!) The more exaggerated exertion with which you “stretch out” your ears, the bigger the laughs, and—hey look, you have everyone’s attention!

The Storytime Song
(to the tune of If You’re Happy and You Know It)

If you’re ready for a story please sit down
If you’re ready for a story please sit down
If you’re ready for a story
And you really want to show me
If you’re ready for a story, please sit down

If you’re ready for a story say SHHHH (finger to lips)
If you’re ready for a story say SHHHH
If you’re ready for a story
And you really want to show me
If you’re ready for a story, say SHHHH

(Whisper-sing the last part so they have to be very quiet to hear you)

If you’re ready for a story fold your hands (fold hands in lap)
If you’re ready for a story fold your hands
If you’re ready for a story
And you really want to show me
If you’re ready for a story, fold your hands
(Pro Tip: Keep these songs handy for when things go sideways— the kids get squirrely, you need to get some wiggles out, you need to redirect attention between activities— STAND UP PPP AND START SINGING NICE AND LOUD!)

The Snail and Worm Song!
(to the tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat)
Snail, Snail, Snail and Worm
They are two best friends
**Snail is small** (ASL sign “SNAIL” with your hands)*
**And Worm is small** (ASL sign “WORM” with your hands)*
So please don’t step on them
(repeat indefinitely)

*ASL sign “SNAIL” for “Snail is small”
And “WORM” for “Worm is small”

Snail’s Adventure Song (an audience participation song)
(to the tune of On Top of Old Smokey)
I climbed up a flower
As tall as a tree
If you climbed that flower
Oh what could you see?
(Audience yells out answers: their house, their school, etc.)
If you climbed that flower
And saw your whole town
If you climbed that flower
How would you get down?
(Audience yells out answers: ask for help, jump down, etc.)
Snacks

Gummy worms*, in this situation, are a no-brainer. Depending on the scale of your event, you can serve just gummy worms, or the following variations:

**Worm Cupcakes:** Crush chocolate sandwich cookies and sprinkle onto cupcakes with chocolate frosting. Press a gummy worm into each. (Quick version: chocolate frosted cupcake + gummy worm!)

**DIY Worm Cups:** Each participant gets a chocolate pudding cup. Provide crushed chocolate sandwich cookies, crushed pretzels, chocolate sprinkles, and/or mini chocolate chips for them to sprinkle on top as a “dirt” layer. Add a couple of sliced apple “leaves.” They can top it off with a gummy worm. Don’t forget the spoons!

**Snail Cupcakes:** On a green frosted cupcake, place a vanilla sandwich cookie upright (as the shell). Stick two pretzel sticks in front for Snail’s eyestalks.

**Outdoorsy-themed Treats:**
Apple slice “leaves” and pretzel stick “twigs” (serve in a cup)
Ants on a log (celery sticks with peanut butter** or cream cheese and raisins)
Trader Joe’s Maple Leaf Cookies (or similar)

*Gummies are typically made with gelatin, so they are not vegetarian or vegan, if you have guests with dietary restrictions

**Be mindful of food allergies, depending on your event, you may want to skip the peanut butter or use a different nut butter
Certificate of Achievement

On the ____ day of _____, 20___

I, ________________________, read ____________

(print your name)

“Snail and Worm” ALL BY MYSELF.

You are so smart!

I am so proud of you!

You are a SUPER READER!
Way to go!
Your friend,

Tina Kügler

Tina Kügler, author-illustrator
Certificate of Achievement

On the ____ day of ______, 20____
(date) (month) (year)

I, ____________________________, read
(print your name)

“Snail and Worm Again”
ALL BY MYSELF.

Wow! Great job!

You are a SUPER READER!
Way to go!
Your friend,

TINA KÜGLER

Tina Kügler, author-illustrator

You are amazing!