The Morton Arboretum
It’s Spring Field Trip
Vocabulary List

To maximize the effectiveness of your “It’s Spring” program at The Morton Arboretum, please familiarize your students with the following vocabulary words. This will be most effective just before the program.

**Flower** - the bloom or blossom that makes the seeds in flowering plants

**Insect** - a living thing with three body parts (head, thorax and abdomen) and six legs

**Petal** - one of the, often brightly colored, parts of a flower that attracts insects

**Nectar** - a sugary liquid made by a flower to attract insects and other animals

**Antenna** - sensory organs on an insect’s head used to smell and feel

**Compound Eyes** - one eye made of many that helps insects see better

**Legs** - appendages for walking

**Proboscis** - a tube like mouth structure used to get nectar from flowers

**Pollen** - a fine powder moved from flower to flower in order to make seeds

**Head** - forward part of the insect that contains antenna, compound eyes and mouthparts

**Thorax** - middle part of the insect that contains legs and wings, if present

**Abdomen** - back part of the insect that contains the stinger, if present