- 1. What are the roles of specific ants in their colony?
 - a. QueenSpend her whole life laying eggs.b. DaughtersWorkers who collect food and feed the colony.c. SoldiersLarge females who defend the colony.
 - d. Males <u>Mate with the queen.</u>
- 2. What are two interesting facts you learned about what ants do? Build complicated nests.

Fight and capture slaves. Some are vicious warriors. Farm leaves to create fungi for food. ...etc

3. What are the stages of an ant's lifecycle?

Egg - queen lays egg unfertilized, males fertilize egg

Larvae - Hatch from egg

Pupate - The larvae form a cocoon and emerge as an adult

4. How do ants benefit the soil?

Ants dig a series of tunnels and open areas. All of this activity in the soil helps to allow both air and water to penetrate deep into the soil.

Ants also contribute important nutrients to the soil around their mound. Waste,

remains of their food and even dead ants contribute to the soil quality.

