

Sample September Curriculum Grid

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
<p>Sand Table Something is hiding in the sand...Count your findings Writing words in the sand</p> <p>Water Table Scoop and count milkweed pods with nets Washing milkweed Scoop and count butterfly (plastic, foam...)</p> <p>Blocks Create an observation deck for Monarchs Create a road to Mexico</p> <p>Art/Collage/Clay Painting with milkweed pods Creating with Papier-mâché Creating a butterfly mural/banner Using clay to create the different life cycle stages Making a monarch story quilt Collage with monarch colors Tie dying with Monarch colors Apparel for Monarch celebration Creating monarchs using recycled materials Making play dough for our classroom Creating our self portraits Self portrait quilt Clay puppets Milkweed leaf prints</p> <p>Science Feeding and caring for our caterpillars & butterflies Learn body parts of butterfly (abdomen, thorax, head, antennae, wings, proboscis) How can you tell if it is a male or female monarch? Take a closer look: Can you guess what it is? Releasing milkweed pods on a windy day Observing milkweed pods, leaves, eggs, caterpillars, chrysalides, monarchs and face caps Using magnifiers and digital microscopes Planting milkweed in our garden Feely boxes: Can you guess what is inside? Documenting observations in our science journals Tagging our Monarch butterflies Using compound goggles to observe how monarch butterflies see</p> <p>Math Monarch life cycle picture puzzles and picture cards Sorting butterflies Sequencing caterpillars and monarchs from smallest to largest Compare and contrast monarchs and swallowtails Measuring caterpillars using standard and non standard forms of measurement Sequencing lifecycle of the monarch butterfly Matching, counting, sorting, and patterning butterflies Graph - male and female butterflies Predict whether we will have more male or female Monarch butterflies emerge Estimate how many Monarch butterflies will emerge from their chrysalides Record data in journals How many eggs are on the milkweed leaf game? Butterfly bingo Butterfly memory game Butterfly dominoes Sequencing butterfly box stories Estimation: How many butterflies are in the container?</p> <p>Computer http://www.jigzone.com self portrait photographs http://www.jigzone.com/gallery/Butterflies http://www.learner.org/jnorth/monarch/index.html www.earthsbirthday.org/butterflies/bflys/games/lifecycle.asp www.unitedstreaming.com www.basrelief.org http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAUSKxWMIh0&feature=player_embedded http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ry4hqn0WD60&feature=player_embedded</p>	Welcome children and families—Building our classroom community					Books	
					1	2	A Butterfly is Born by Melvin Berger A Monarch Butterfly's Life by John Himmelman A Place for Butterflies by Melissa Stewart Arabella Miller's Tiny Caterpillar by Clare Jarret Becoming Butterflies by Anne Rockwell Caterpillars on the Move! By Abby Klein Fancy Nancy: Bonjour, Butterfly by Jane O'Connor Farfalina and Marcel by Holly Keller Fly, Monarch! Fly! by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace Franklin Goes to School by Paulette Bourgeois From Caterpillar to Butterfly by Deborah Heiligman Gotta Go Gotta Go! By Sam Swope Hurry and the Monarch by Antoine Flathearta I Wish I Were A Butterfly by James Howe Malinda Martha Meets Mariposa by Marcia Trimble Milkweed Visitors by Mary Holland Monarch and Milkweed by Helen Frost Monarch Butterfly by Gail Gibbons Monarch Butterfly of Aster Way by Elizabeth Ring Monarch! Come Play with Me by Ba Rea My, Oh My a Butterfly All About Butterflies by Tish Rabe My Preschool by Anne Rockwell Scat the Cat The Butterfly Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta The Butterfly Counting Book by Jerry Pallotta The Magic School Bus and the Butterfly Bunch by Kristen Earhart The Monarch's Progress: Poems with Wings by Avis Harley The Skin You live In by Michael Tyler Waiting for Wings by Lois Elbert Where Does the Butterfly Go When It Rains? By May Garelick
	5 Labor Day School Closed	6 My Day at School Meeting new friends, becoming familiar with our classroom, and making play dough for our classroom	7 Caterpillars on the Move! Taking care of our very own monarch caterpillars	8 Monarch! Come Play With Me Using clay to create the life cycle of a Monarch butterfly: egg, 5 instar caterpillars, chrysalis, and monarch	9 Magnificent Monarchs Identifying the difference between a male and female Monarch Seriating caterpillars from smallest to largest		Malinda Martha Meets Mariposa by Marcia Trimble Milkweed Visitors by Mary Holland Monarch and Milkweed by Helen Frost Monarch Butterfly by Gail Gibbons Monarch Butterfly of Aster Way by Elizabeth Ring Monarch! Come Play with Me by Ba Rea My, Oh My a Butterfly All About Butterflies by Tish Rabe My Preschool by Anne Rockwell Scat the Cat The Butterfly Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta The Butterfly Counting Book by Jerry Pallotta The Magic School Bus and the Butterfly Bunch by Kristen Earhart The Monarch's Progress: Poems with Wings by Avis Harley The Skin You live In by Michael Tyler Waiting for Wings by Lois Elbert Where Does the Butterfly Go When It Rains? By May Garelick
	12 Milkweed Visitors Observing and identifying insects that visit our milkweed garden Documenting our findings on our milkweed chart	13 Monarch Butterfly Identifying the parts of a butterfly	14 Fancy Nancy: Bonjour, Butterfly Going on a nature walk to look for Monarch butterflies	15 Mother Monarch Using digital microscopes to examine Monarch eggs and caterpillars	16 A Monarch Butterfly's Life Sketching milkweed, caterpillars, chrysalides and monarch butterflies		Listening Center Listening to books on tape: <i>Fly Monarch Fly, Monarch of Aster Way</i>
19 Fly, Monarch! Fly! Monarch butterfly obstacle course: Help the monarch get to the oyamel trees Retell the story using character boards	20 Becoming Butterflies Matching and sequencing the life cycle of a Monarch butterfly	21 CDC Monarch book Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? Creating our Monarch Monarch, What Do You See? Book	22 The Magic School Bus and the Butterfly Bunch Scramble the letters to create a word: monarch	23 Farfalina and Marcel Monarch/nectar dance: When the music stops help the monarch sip nectar from the flower		Writing Center Word cards: butterfly, caterpillar, chrysalis, milkweed, Monarch in English and Spanish, proboscis, metamorphosis, antennae Writing in our journals Writing signs to identify the stages of the monarch butterfly Creating a Monarch butterfly book (Monarch Monarch, What do you see?) Create poetry about Monarchs and their lifecycle Monarch bottle cap game Creating signs for our garden	
26 Malinda Martha Meets Mariposa Creating monarch puppets and apparel	27 Monarch and Milkweed Releasing milkweed pods in our garden	28 Hurry and the Monarch Observing videos of Monarchs migrating using unitedstreaming.com	29 Gotta Go Gotta Go! Tagging our Monarch butterflies	30 We are having a Monarch Butterfly Day! The children will be playing... ~Monarch bowling ~Ring Toss ~Making Bracelets ~Monarch fishing Releasing our Monarch Butterflies		Dramatic Play Monarch Observatory CDC Kitchen Music and Movement Life cycle dance Missing Milkweed Game Monarch/nectar dance Monarch Journey game Follow the Monarch Monarch, Monarch, Bird Wood Working Using wood, nails, wire, and recycled materials to create caterpillars and butterflies. World Language Learn how to say butterfly in Spanish: mariposa Learn how to say caterpillar in Spanish: oruga http://butterflywebsite.com/articles/saybut.htm	

