



Story: A Butterfly is Born

Author: Melvin Berger

Language Arts:

Guess What's Missing

(milkweed, egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, monarch)

Math:

Monarch life cycle puzzle

Science:

Using a digital microscope to observe monarch eggs and caterpillars

Graph: Will more male or female monarchs emerge?

Sensory:

Water: Washing milkweed

Sand: Something is hiding in the sand...Count your findings

Art:

Easel: Painting with Monarch caterpillar colors: black, yellow, and white

Table: Collage with monarch colored materials

Play Dough: Creating with play dough, caterpillars and butterflies

Clay: Exploring with clay and clay tools

Dramatic Play:

Create a meal for your friends

Blocks:

Build a place for your caterpillar to stay safe

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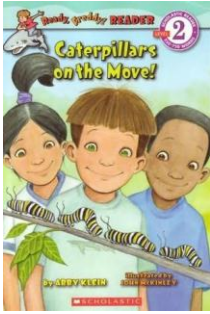
Read a story to a friend

Writing Center:

Practice writing the word "monarch"

Music & Gross Movement:

"The Monarch Caterpillar"



Story: Caterpillars on the Move!

Author: Tish Rabe

Language Arts:

Questions for Discussion:

What do you think is in Miss Liz's box? How does a caterpillar feel when it is walking on your arm? Why do you think it feels like that?

What do you think happened to the caterpillar?

Math:

Recreating the pattern on a monarch caterpillar

Science:

Watching the life cycle of the monarch butterfly on Journey north

Taking care of our Monarch caterpillars (cleaning and feeding)

Sensory:

Water: Experimenting with butterfly sachets

Sand: Using picture/word cards...Can you find ___ caterpillars?

Art:

Easel: Painting with orange, black, yellow, and white

Table: Marble painting with monarch colors

Play dough: Create using caterpillars, butterflies, tree rounds, and evergreens

Clay: Creating caterpillars

Dramatic Play:

Create a meal for a friend

Blocks:

Create a path to the oyamel tree

Library:

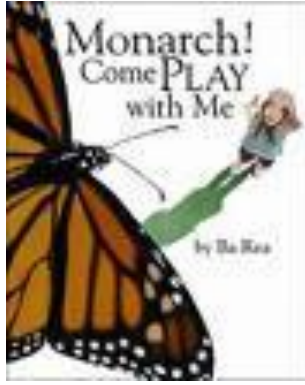
Retell the story using story props

Writing Center:

Practice writing the word "caterpillar"

Music & Gross Movement:

"The Monarch Caterpillar"



Story: Monarch! Come Play with Me

Author: Ba Rea

Language Arts:

Questions for Discussion:

How are the things the caterpillar did the same as the things the little girl did? How are they different? How do you think the little girl felt when she said goodbye to the butterfly? Why? What would you do if you had your very own caterpillar?

Guess What's Missing

(milkweed, egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly)

Math:

Estimation: How many butterflies are in the container?

Science:

Observing the pattern on a Monarch caterpillar using a digital microscope

Sensory:

Water: Scooping and counting butterfly sachets

Sand: Something is hiding in our sand table. Can you find 7 caterpillars?

Art:

Easel: Painting with Monarch colors: black, orange, and white

Table: Finger painting

Play dough: Creating with play dough, caterpillars and butterflies

Clay: Creating the life cycle of a monarch butterfly

Dramatic Play:

Create a meal for you and your friends

Blocks:

Build a safe place for your caterpillar

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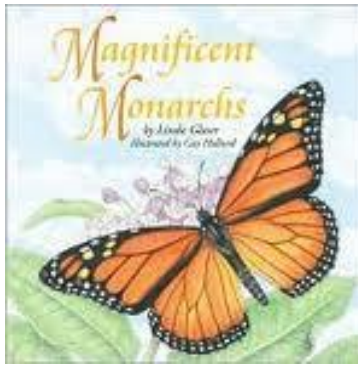
Retell the story using props

Writing Center:

Practice writing the word "caterpillar"

Music & Gross Movement:

"Monarch Life Cycle Dance"



Story: Magnificent Monarchs

Author: Linda Glaser

Language Arts:

Questions for Discussion:

How many times does a caterpillar shed its skin?

(This is called molting) What do you think is happening inside the chrysalis? Why? Why do you think the butterflies want to fly south?

If you were a butterfly, where would you like to fly? Why?

Math:

Seriating caterpillars from smallest to largest

Science:

Sketching monarch caterpillars (5 instars) in our science journals

Sensory:

Water: Washing milkweed

Sand: Something is hiding in our sand table. Can you find 6 butterflies?

Art:

Easel: Painting with monarch colors

Table: Creating with paper mache

Play dough: Creating with play dough, caterpillars and butterflies

Clay: Creating the five instar caterpillars

Dramatic Play:

Create a meal for your friends

Blocks:

Help build a safe place for our caterpillars

Library:

Read a story to a friend

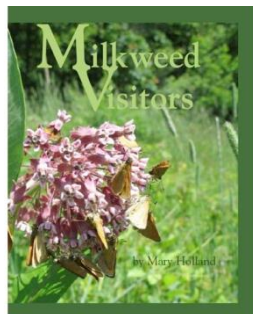
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Practice writing the word "monarch"

Music & Gross Movement:

"The Monarch Caterpillar"

Milkweed/egg dance



Story: Milkweed Visitors

Author: Mary Holland

Language Arts:

Questions for Discussion:

What insects do you think visit milkweed plants? Why do you think they call it milkweed? Why do butterflies visit the milkweed garden? What insects do you think we will see in our milkweed garden?

Guess What's Missing

(lady bug, bee, swallowtail, tussock moth, milkweed beetle, robber fly, dragonfly, potter wasp, garden spider, ant, katydid)

Math:

Count how many insects we saw in our milkweed garden and add it to our chart

Science:

Observing insects in our milkweed garden and documenting our findings in our science journals

Sensory:

Water: Experimenting with butterfly sachets

Sand: Something is hiding in our sand table. Sort and count your findings

Art:

Easel: Painting with green, red, and yellow

Table: Insect stampers

Play dough: Creating with play dough, rocks, insects and evergreens

Clay: Creating insects in the milkweed garden

Dramatic Play:

Create 'nectar juice' for a friend

Blocks:

Create a path to the milkweed garden

Library:

Retell the story using props

Writing Center:

Practice writing the word "milkweed"

Music & Gross Movement:

"The Monarch Caterpillar"



Story: Monarch Butterfly

Author: Gail Gibbons

Language Arts:

Guess What's Missing

(milkweed, egg, caterpillar, J, chrysalis, Monarch, oyamel trees)

Math:

"How many monarchs are sipping nectar" game

Science:

Identifying the parts of a butterfly

Predicting: Will more male or female monarchs emerge?

Sensory:

Water: Scooping and counting butterfly sachets

Sand: Something is hiding in the sand table: How many Monarch butterflies can you find?

Art:

Easel: Painting with Monarch butterfly colors: black, orange and white

Table: Marble painting

Play Dough: Creating with tree rounds, evergreens and butterflies

Clay: Creating with clay, rollers, and sticks

Dramatic Play:

Create your favorite meal

Blocks:

Help our butterflies get to Mexico: Build a path for them to follow

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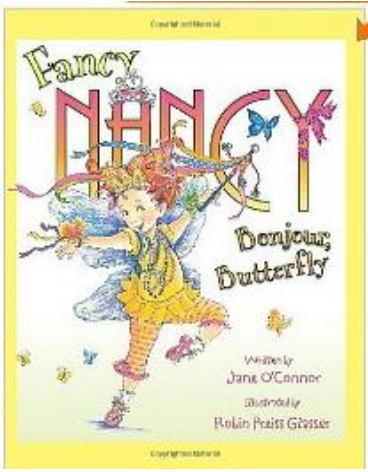
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Writing Center:

Practice writing the word "chrysalis"

Music & Gross Movement:

Monarch/nectar dance



Story: Fancy Nancy Bonjour Butterfly

Author: Jane O'Connor

Language Arts:

Questions for Discussion:

What are some things you might see at Bree's butterfly party? Why do you think Nancy is upset?

What do you think an azure butterfly looks like? What kind of flowers do you think are in the butterfly garden? If you were Fancy Nancy what would you have done in her situation and why?

Math:

Count how many chrysalides are in our classroom

Science:

Going on a nature walk to look for butterflies

Sensory:

Water: Scooping and counting butterfly sachets

Sand: Something is hiding in our sand table. Can you find 6 butterflies?

Art:

Easel: Painting with blue, green, and purple

Outdoor easel: Painting our milkweed garden/lavender bush

Table: Creating with recycle materials

Play dough: Create using butterflies, tree rounds, and flowers

Clay: Creating with clay and clay tools

Dramatic Play:

Create a meal for Bree's Butterfly Party

Blocks:

Create a butterfly garden

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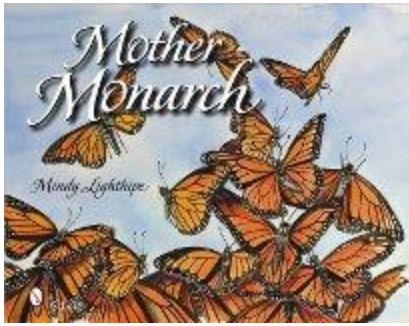
Retell the story using props

Writing Center:

Create invitations for your butterfly party

Music & Gross Movement:

"I'm a Little Monarch"



Story: Mother Monarch

Author: Mindy Lighthipe

Language Arts:

What happened first, second, next, then and last? What was your favorite part of the story? Why? If you were a Monarch butterfly, where would you like to fly to and why?

Math:

Monarch life cycle cubes

Craft stick puzzles

Science:

Documenting our observations in our science journals

Sensory:

Water: Scooping and counting butterfly sachets

Sand: Experimenting with funnels and sifters

Art:

Easel: Painting with Monarch butterfly colors: black, orange, and white

Table: Painting our paper mache creations

Play Dough: Creating with play dough, butterflies, tree rounds and evergreens

Clay: Exploring with clay and clay tools

Dramatic Play:

Create a meal for your friends

Blocks:

Build a path to help the Monarch butterflies get to Mexico

Library:

Retell the story using picture cues

Writing Center:

Practice writing the word "mariposa"

Music & Gross Movement:

"Monarch Life Cycle Dance"



Story: A Monarch Butterfly's Life

Author: John Himmelman

Language Arts:

Guess What's Missing

(milkweed, egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, monarch)

Math:

Using standard and non-standard forms of measurement to measure caterpillars

Science:

Take a closer look...Can you guess what it is?

Sensory:

Water: Experimenting with funnels and sifters

Sand: Experimenting with funnels and sifters

Art:

Easel: Painting with Monarch butterfly colors: black, orange, and white

Table: Collaging with Monarch butterfly colors

Play Dough: Creating with play dough, caterpillars, and butterflies

Clay: Creating your favorite part of the butterfly life cycle

Dramatic Play:

Create a meal for your friends

Blocks:

Build a place for your caterpillar to stay safe

Library:

Read a story to a friend

Writing Center:

Practice writing the word "butterfly"

Music & Gross Movement:

"The Monarch Caterpillar"



Story: Fly Monarch Fly

Author: Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

Language Arts:

Questions for discussion: How was Minna able to identify the Monarch caterpillar? What does it mean when a caterpillar is molting? How is a Monarch butterfly similar/different to us? Why do you think Monarch butterflies need rocks?

Math:

Bottle cap scramble

Science:

Tagging our Monarch butterflies

Observing the butterfly scales on our fingers using the digital microscope

Sensory:

Water: Scoop and count butterfly sachets

Sand: Something is hiding in the sand table: How many male Monarch butterflies can you find?

Art:

Easel: Painting with Chrysalis colors: green and yellow

Table: Creating with oil pastels and water colors

Play dough: Creating with play dough, butterflies, evergreens and tree rounds

Clay: Creating with clay and clay tools

Dramatic Play:

Create a meal for your friends

Blocks:

Help our butterflies find our butterfly bush: Build a path from our classroom to our butterfly bush

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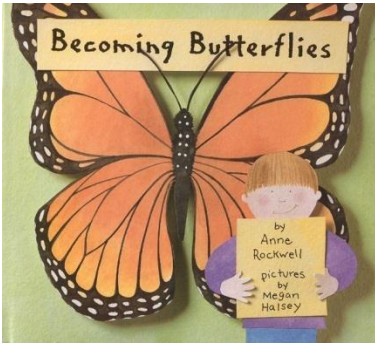
Listening to the story on tape

Writing Center:

Practice writing the word "Monarch"

Music & Gross Movement:

"I'm a little Monarch"



Story: Becoming Butterflies

Author: Anne Rockwell

Language Arts:

Guess What's Missing

(milkweed, egg, caterpillar instars, chrysalis, monarch, oyamel trees)

Math:

Monarch butterfly life cycle matching game

Science:

Feely Box: Can you guess what is inside?

Sensory:

Water: Scoop and count butterfly sachets

Sand: Something is hiding in the sand table: How many Monarch butterflies can you find?

Art:

Easel: Painting with Monarch butterfly colors: orange, black and white

Table: Milkweed leaf prints

Play Dough: Creating with play dough, caterpillars and butterflies

Clay: Creating with clay, rollers, and sticks

Dramatic Play:

Create a meal for your friends

Blocks:

Build a path to help the Monarchs get to Mexico

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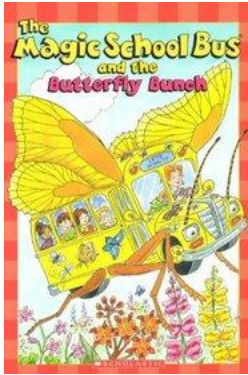
Read a story to a friend

Writing Center:

Practice writing the word "butterfly"

Music & Gross Movement:

"The Monarch Caterpillar"



Story: The Magic School Bus and the Butterfly Bunch

Author: Kristin Earhart

Language Arts:

Questions for Discussion:

Where do you think Mrs. Frizzle is taking her class?

What do you think they are going to see? What happened to the children and Mrs. Frizzle? What is your favorite part of the book? Why?

Monarch Word Scramble

Math:

Butterfly dominos

Craft stick puzzles

Science:

Take a closer look: Can you guess what it is?

Sensory:

Water: Scooping and counting butterfly sachets

Sand: Something is hiding in our sand table. Can you find 6 butterflies?

Art:

Easel: Painting with monarch colors: black, orange and white

Table: Creating monarch puppets

Play dough: Create using butterflies, tree rounds, and flowers

Clay: Creating with clay and clay tools

Dramatic Play:

Create a meal for your friends

Blocks:

Build a path to the butterfly garden

Library:

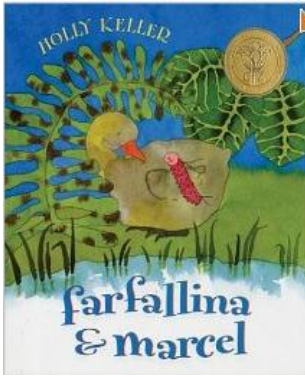
Retell the story using picture cues

Writing Center:

Practice writing the word: Butterfly

Music & Gross Movement:

"I'm a Little Monarch"



Story: Farfallina and Marcel

Author: Holly Keller

Language Arts:

Questions for Discussion:

Describe Farfallina in the beginning of the story. Why didn't Marcel recognize Farfallina at the end of the story? How did Farfallina change? What do you think would have happened if Farfallina didn't find Marcel?

Math:

Creating bracelets for our Monarch parade...What kind of pattern will you create?

Science:

Observing a Monarch butterfly under the digital microscope

Sensory:

Water: Experimenting with butterfly sachets

Sand: Something is hiding in our sand table. Can you find 4 female Monarch butterflies?

Art:

Easel: Painting with green, blue, and orange chalk

Table: Creating puppets

Exploring with chalk and water

Play dough: Create using caterpillars, butterflies, tree rounds, and evergreens

Clay: Creating caterpillars and monarchs using clay

Dramatic Play:

Create a meal for Farfallina and Marcel

Blocks:

Create a home for Farfallina and Marcel

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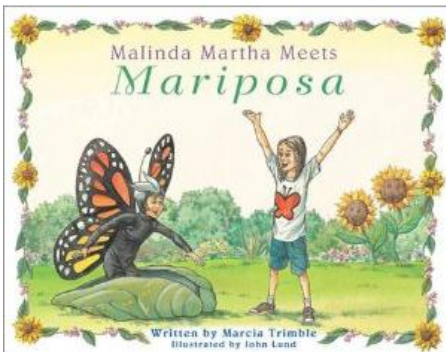
Retell the story using props

Writing Center:

Creating signs for our Monarch parade

Music & Gross Movement:

"I'm a Little Monarch"



Story: Malinda Martha Meets Mariposa

Author: Marcia Trimble

Language Arts:

What happened first, second, next, then and last?
What was your favorite part of the story? Why? If you could be a stage in the life cycle of the monarch, what would you be and why?

Math:

Butterfly counting game:
Look at the number on the flower and add that many butterflies

Science:

Feeding monarch butterflies

Sensory:

Water: Scooping and counting butterfly sachets

Sand: Something is hiding in the sand...Can you find 7 monarchs?

Art:

Easel: Paint using Monarch colors black, white and orange

Table: Collage using Monarch colored materials

Dramatic Play:

Making Monarch apparel for our Monarch Celebration

Blocks:

Set up a stage for our monarch performance

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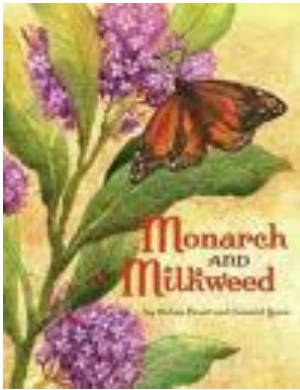
Retell the story using laminated story props

Writing Center:

Making signs for our celebration

Music & Gross Movement:

"I'm a Little Monarch"



Story: Monarch and Milkweed

Author: Helen Frost

Language Arts:

Questions for Discussion:

What kind of food do all Monarch caterpillars eat? Why do you think Monarch caterpillars only eat milkweed? If you were a caterpillar, what would you like to eat? Why?

Math:

"Milkweed Egg" game

Science:

Using magnifiers to observe the milkweed in our garden...Can you find any Monarch eggs?

Releasing milkweed pods in our garden

Sensory:

Water: Exploring with monarchs and rocks (puddling)

Sand: Something is hiding in the sand: Can you find 4 green caterpillars?

Art:

Easel: Painting with green and purple paints

Table: Creating with water colors and oil pastels

Play Dough: Creating with play dough, caterpillars, and butterflies

Dramatic Play:

Create a meal for a friend

Blocks:

Create a garden to plant milkweed for our caterpillars

Library:

Read a story to a friend

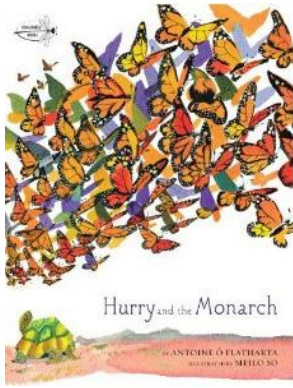
Writing Center:

Practice writing the word "milkweed"

Music & Gross Movement:

Milkweed/Egg dance

"The Monarch Caterpillar"



Story: Hurry and the Monarch

Author: Antoine O'Flatharta

Language Arts: Questions for discussion :

Where do you think the Monarch is going? Why? What transformation do you think Hurry will witness? What do you think Hurry will see on his adventure?

Reflecting on yesterday's Monarch Parade

Math:

How many monarchs were released at our Monarch Parade?

Science:

Going on a nature walk

Sensory:

Water: Exploring with monarchs and rocks (puddling)

Sand: Something is hiding in the sand table. Count your findings

Art:

Easel: Painting with orange, black and yellow

Table: Collage with Monarch colors

Play dough: Create using caterpillars, butterflies, and tree rounds

Clay: Creating with clay and clay tools

Dramatic Play:

Feeding and tagging butterflies

Blocks:

Create a path to the oyamel tree

Library:

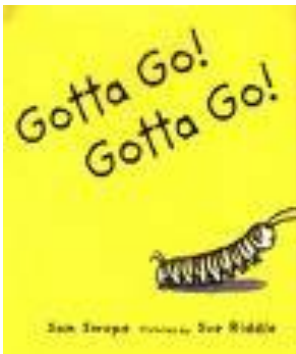
Retell the story using props

Writing Center:

Practice writing the word 'Monarch'

Music and Movement:

Monarch and flower dance



Story: Gotta Go! Gotta Go!

Author: Sam Swope

Language Arts:

Who did the caterpillar run into first, second, last? Where do you think the caterpillar has to go? Does the caterpillar go to Mexico or does a butterfly go to Mexico? Why do you think the Monarch butterflies fly to Mexico? What are some of the dangers that Monarch butterflies may face on their journey? If you were a Monarch butterfly, where would you like to fly to? Why?

Math:

Creating pattern bracelets for our Monarch Parade
Revisit Graph: Did more male or female monarchs emerge?

Science:

Using United Streaming to observe videos on Monarch butterflies
Tagging our Monarch butterflies

Sensory:

Water: Exploring with monarchs and rocks (puddling)
Sand: Something is hiding in the sand table: How many Monarch butterflies can you find?

Art:

Easel: Painting with Monarch butterfly colors: black, orange and white

Table: Creating a monarch mural
Exploring with shaving cream

Play dough: Creating with play dough, butterflies, evergreens and tree rounds

Clay: Creating with clay and clay tools

Dramatic Play:

Create a meal for your friends

Blocks:

Help our butterflies get to Mexico: Build a path for them to follow

Library:

Read a story to a friend

Writing Center:

Creating signs for our Monarch Parade

Music & Gross Movement: "I'm a Little Monarch"