

VELI STORYTIME TEMPLATE

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Early Literacy Skill Featured: Vocabulary

Aside: Knowing the names of things is an extremely important skill for children to have when they are learning to read. Hearing *adult language* as a young child will familiarize and help to put words into context later on.

Caterpillar > Butterfly

Materials / Props :

Fish Tank Display ~ Live monarch caterpillar's munching on milkweed!
Fresh milkweed pods to touch and dissect like a scientist!

Gathering:

Bell ~ ringing the bell gets attention and lets everyone know ... "It's Story time!"
Song ~ The more we get together the happier we'll be!

Books: Aside: Help develop your child's vocabulary by reading both fiction and nonfiction.

Gotta Go , Gotta Go by Sam Swope

The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

I'm a Caterpillar by Jean Marzollo

Monarch and Milkweed by Helen Frost

Conversation:

What color are the caterpillars?
What are they eating?
Look at their poop!
Break a piece of milkweed plant, what happens?

Did you know?

The Milkweed plant is poisonous to many creatures. Their diet makes the monarch caterpillar toxic to predators

Hands on science Aside: By following your child's interests and reading about the world around us we are reminded that information about the things we love are in books!

After reading *Monarch and Milkweed*, give each child a milkweed seedpod to dissect like a scientist! What's inside?

Craft Table:

Aside: doing crafts or other hands on activities offers enjoyable time to talk with your child and develop vocabulary!

Precut 2' diameter circles from wallpaper or other colorful paper. Have children use glue sticks to glue a length of circles together forming a caterpillar's body. Have them draw legs, antennae and eyes or glue googly eyes.

OR

Precut butterfly shape frames with construction paper. Fold a piece of white paper in half. Have children dab orange, black, brown and red paint on one side. Fold in half creating a mirror effect on the paper. Cover the mirrored paint with the wing frame creating a butterfly! Trim excess

