

Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

# BUTTERFLIES

## LETTER OF THE DAY

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## BOOKS TO SHARE

*The Very Impatient Caterpillar*  
by Ross Burach

*The Little Butterfly That Could*  
by Ross Burach

*Benny's True Colors*  
by Norene Paulson

*Señorita Mariposa*  
by Mister G

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*  
by Eric Carle

*Butterfly Counting (non-fic)*  
by Jerry Pallotta

*Butterfly, Butterfly*  
by Petr Horáček

*Waiting For Wings (non-fic)*  
by Lois Ehlert

*Ten Little Caterpillars*  
by Bill Martin Jr.

*Where's My Mom?*  
by Julia Donaldson

*My Butterfly Bouquet*  
by Nicola Davies

*A Butterfly Is Patient (non-fic)*  
by Dianna Hutts Aston

## FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

Oh, Me! Oh, My!

[You can use a small scarf as your 'butterfly' or shape your hands into the ASL sign for 'butterfly' and move it onto your different body parts]

Oh me, oh my!

You're on my [body part], butterfly!

[Ending verse:]

Oh me, oh my!

It's time to get going, butterfly!

Get going . . . bye, bye.

### Butterflies, Butterflies

Butterflies, butterflies, flapping around.  
Visiting flowers, not making a sound.  
Flapping their wings as they go,  
Flapping their wings, up high, then low.  
Butterflies, butterflies, flapping around.  
Visiting flowers, not making a sound.

### The Fuzzy Caterpillar

[Tune: "Itsy Bitsy Spider"]

The fuzzy caterpillar  
Curled upon a leaf,  
Spun her little chrysalis  
And then fell fast asleep.  
While she was sleeping,  
She dreamed that she could fly.  
And later on when she woke up,  
She was a butterfly!

## ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Butterfly"



The sign for "butterfly" crosses two flat hands in front of you at the wrists, palms facing towards your body.

Bend the hands at the large knuckles twice in the manner of a butterfly flapping its wings.

## Flutter, Flutter Butterfly

[Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"]

Flutter, flutter, butterfly,  
Floating in the deep blue sky,  
Floating by for all to see,  
Floating by so merrily,  
Flutter, flutter, butterfly,  
Floating in the deep blue sky.

## The Life of a Butterfly

[Tune: "Skip to My Lou"]

I'm a caterpillar, wiggle with me  
I'm a caterpillar, wiggle with me  
I'm a caterpillar, wiggle with me  
What'll I be my darlin'?

[Verses: A chrysalis, now sleep with me; A butterfly, come fly with me]

## Clap, Clap, Clap For a Butterfly [action rhyme]

Five little caterpillars spun cocoons [spin your hands]  
Hoping spring would be here soon [fingers crossed]  
With a little bit of magic [wiggle fingers in the air]  
And some warm sunshine [arms overhead for round sun]  
Clap, clap, clap for a butterfly!

## A Tiny Caterpillar [action rhyme]

[Tune: "If You're Happy And You Know It"]

There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf, wiggle, wiggle,  
There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf, wiggle, wiggle,  
There's a tiny caterpillar, a tiny caterpillar,  
A tiny caterpillar on a leaf, wiggle, wiggle.

[Verses: There's a big fat caterpillar on a leaf, munch, munch; There's a pretty butterfly on a leaf, flutter, flutter]

## MORE FUN!

### Fold and Cut Butterflies

#### Supplies:

Construction paper  
Scissors  
Coloring utensils  
(Optional) Stickers, sequins, and other decorating materials



Fold a piece of paper in half and draw the shape of **one side** of a butterfly coming out from the fold.

Now, your child can build up their **scissor skills** by cutting on the line you've made together.

When they've finished, they can unfold the paper and see how, with a little bit of magic, they've created a butterfly!

You can leave your butterflies plain or decorate them with various art materials you have at home.

*This art activity is a great way to explore the idea of symmetry -- an early math concept -- with your child(ren).*

*Butterflies and moths are examples of **bilateral symmetry**: a single line of symmetry down the middle of their body, which makes the shapes and patterns on their wings the same on both sides.*

*You can also compare and contrast sizes by using different sizes of paper to make your butterflies.*

What other words can you and your child(ren) think of that start with the letter 'B'?

Challenge yourself to think of a color, a food, and an animal!

Check out an easy-reader (with the purple and green "ER" label) non-fiction book that features photographs of real-life caterpillars and butterflies.

Especially for small children, connecting a visual image to a word is a crucial step in their developing early literacy.

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