

# Butterflies

Read, sing, and dance along in this exploration of butterflies!

Click on a book cover below to open the read aloud in YouTube.



## Literacy Activity

Make “butterflies.” If your child demonstrates interest and is old enough, have him or her help you make simple paper-fold butterflies. Play with the butterflies; talk about the body and the shape of the wings to extend vocabulary. Hide them around the house; walk with or carry your child around the house and play: **“Where is Flutterby Butterfly?”** Emphasize sounds /f/, /t/ & /b/.

Click [HERE](#) to see Ms. Lynn’s activities.

## Dramatic Play or Music Activity

### Caterpillar Song

(to the tune of: “She’ll Be Coming Round the Mountain”)

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  
There’s a tiny caterpillar on a leaf, wiggle, wiggle.

Repeat with the following phrases.  
There’s a hungry caterpillar on a leaf, munch, munch.  
There’s a shiny chrysalis on a leaf, shh, shh.  
There’s a lovely butterfly flying high, flutter, flutter!

Click [HERE](#) to sing along with Ms. Michelle.

## Math Activity

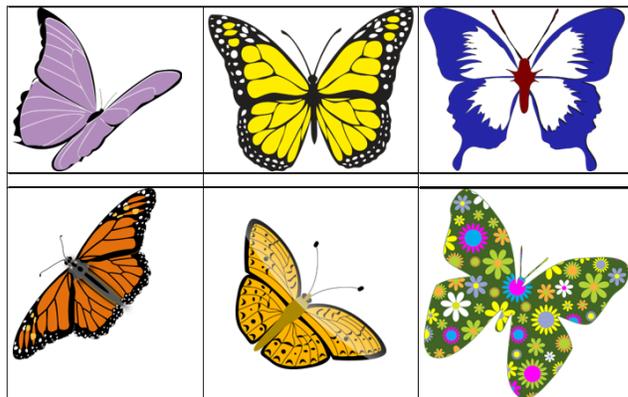
### 5 Butterflies Poem



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## Science Activity



Hide and Find the Butterfly!

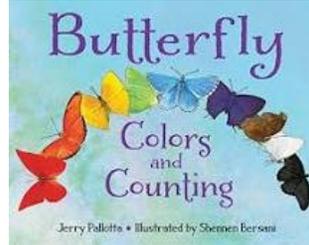
Print and cut out the pictures of butterflies. Hide them around the house and play “find the butterfly”. This helps with practicing skills such as observation, problem solving, and predicting.

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Here are some additional activities you may also enjoy.

### Literacy Activity



Make “representational” butterflies for **Butterfly Colors and Counting** with colored construction paper or white paper. Cut out circles/ovals and fold; play with them and identify the colors; put 3 on the floor. Sit back and ask your child: “Can you find the red butterfly?” Note: 6 mo. + infants can tummy crawl or scoot and reach for this activity. For weeks-old infants create a red or patterned mobile. Baby sees strong colors first.

### Poem for Page 1 Math Activity

#### 5 Butterflies

5 Little Butterflies dancing in the sky  
Flitting, flirting, soaring so high.  
One got tired and whispered,  
“Goodbye”

Now there are 4 Little Butterflies dancing in the sky.  
Flitting, flirting, soaring so high.  
One got tired and whispered,  
“Goodbye”

Now there are 3 Little Butterflies dancing in the sky.  
Flitting, flirting, soaring so high.  
One got tired and whispered,  
“Goodbye”

Now there are 2 Little Butterflies dancing in the sky.  
Flitting, flirting, soaring so high.  
One got tired and whispered,  
“Goodbye”

Now there is one Little Butterfly dancing in the sky.  
Flitting, flirting, soaring so high.  
She got tired and whispered,  
“Goodbye”

Now there are no little butterflies dancing in the sky.

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### Literacy Resource Butterfly Song

#### The Butterfly Song

(Tune: Up on the Housetop)



First comes a butterfly  
and lays an egg.

(Book thumbs and flutter fingers)

Out comes a caterpillar  
with many legs.

(Wiggle index finger)

Oh, see the caterpillar  
spin and spin.

(Shake hands around)

A little chrysalis to sleep in.

(Place hand on hands)

Oh, oh, oh wait and see.  
Oh, oh, oh wait and see.

Out of the chrysalis,  
my, oh my!

(Book thumbs and flutter fingers)

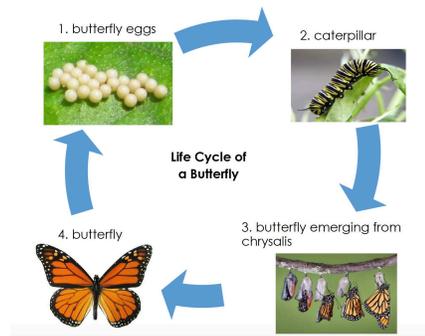
Out comes a beautiful butterfly.

(Move butterfly fingers all around)



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### Science Resource Life Cycle of a Butterfly



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