



Pre-K 1 At-home activities week of April 20, 2020

Dear Families,

Welcome back to our remote learning activities! This week, we will continue our unit on living things by introducing the topic of butterflies and insects!

One of the experiences we had planned for the students during our living things unit was to observe the change from a caterpillar to a butterfly – this can still be a great experience at home. If you are interested in watching live caterpillars experience this change with your child at home, visit <https://www.insectlore.com> to purchase a butterfly growing kit!

A few reminders:

- Please continue sending in pictures of your children engaging in their remote learning activities.
- Please be sure to view the daily posts on class dojo each morning by 10am, this way, your child will be marked 'present' for the day. You do not need to send me a message each morning, I can already see that you have viewed the post and I will mark your child present for the day.
- Please ask your child to write their name *independently* at the top of their work – they ALL know how to do it! 😊
- Please reach out to me if you have any questions. You can message me through Class Dojo (preferred) or email me at kjean@stmichaelsca.org.

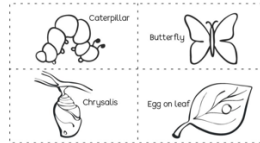
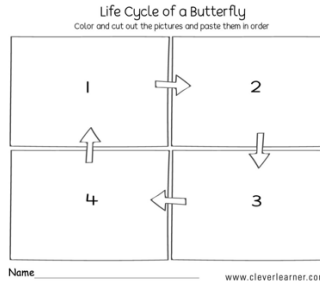
Thank you,
Ms. Krystina

Monday 4/20

- **Read Aloud:** *From Caterpillar to Butterfly* by Deborah Hellingman
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lItvNJ6YY98>
- **Follow Up:** The Life Cycle of a Butterfly with Ms. Krystina!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9PIsOQTNEI>
- **Activity:** Name Caterpillars!: With your child, cut out small circles to create a caterpillar's body. You will need one circle for each letter of your child's first name and one additional circle for the head of the caterpillar. Ask your child to write their name on their circles, using one circle for each letter of their name. Try to have your child work as independently as possible to write their name. (It is a tricky way of writing so please do not be worried if your child who already knows how to write their name, needs assistance with it.) Next, add a face, smile and antennas to the additional circle. Lastly, paste the circles together in the correct order. Color/decorate further!

Tuesday 4/21

- **Read Aloud:** *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle with Ms. Krystina! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oIYorfBZ5pg> – As your child is listening the story, point out the stages of the butterfly's life cycle as it is occurring (Please note – the story uses the term "cocoon" but the appropriate terminology is "chrysalis.")
- **Follow Up:** Review the life cycle of a butterfly with your child. Please refer to yesterday's video as needed.
- **Activity:** Print or Create the "Life Cycle of a Butterfly" boxes for your child. If you are drawing the boxes, place numbers in the corner of the boxes and draw the arrows to show the directions. Support your child to fill in the boxes with the appropriate stages of the butterfly life cycle at the **egg**, **chrysalis**, **caterpillar** and **butterfly** stages. Ask your child to color in their pictures when they have completed it and have your child label each picture with the words: **egg**, **chrysalis**, **caterpillar** and **butterfly**



Wednesday 4/22

- **Read Alouds:** *Quiet as a Cricket* by Audrey Wood
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqlOV7yJX8Q>
Good Night, Good Night Sweet Butterflies by Melanie Gerth
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIsh_GkEpPY
- **Follow Up:** Review the following poem with your child
The Fuzzy Little Caterpillar Poem (Tune: The Itsy Bitsy Spider)

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

- **Activity:** Letter-writing practice! Please support your child to practice or learn how to write uppercase and lowercase letters K through R. Please no tracing or hand-holding.
- **Taekwondo:**
<https://wetransfer.com/downloads/6f7bd87ea77929c8bc39669942981ef320200418173233/9a9e9a8f826199760a0550a7702d1cc72020418173532/ed8d02>

Thursday 4/23

- **Read Aloud:** *The Very Clumsy Beetle* by Eric Carle
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGwFwtyFBjI>
- **Follow Up:** Review The Fuzzy Little Caterpillar Poem with your child
- **Activity:** Number-writing practice! Please support your child to practice or learn how to write numbers 1-10! Can your child identify all of these numbers? Play a scavenger hunt and ask your child to identify numbers around your home!

Friday 4/24

- **Read Aloud:** *Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell* by Sue Hendra
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4BcBtKHaO8>
- **Activity:** Snail Craft Activity – Using either a paper plate or a piece of paper cut into a circle, have your child decorate the snail's shell with paint, markers or crayons. Draw the shape of the snail's body onto another piece of paper and have your child cut it out using safety scissors. Use glue to attach the shell to the body. If you have, you may add googly eyes and pipe cleaners to the head.