



LIFE IN THE GARDEN



Caterpillars and Butterflies (Gr. PK+)

Use the following texts from www.myon.com to learn about caterpillars and butterflies. The text can be suitable for younger students with parent/ older sibling assistance. Login information is as follows

School: Brooklyn Reads Elementary

Username: brooklyn

Password: read

https://www.myon.com/reader/index.html?a=bb_butte_f05 (Gr. PK+)

https://www.myon.com/reader/index.html?a=as_butte_f08 (Gr. 1+)

https://www.myon.com/reader/index.html?a=als_butterfly_f14 (Gr. 1+)

Scholastic Videos (Gr. PK-2)

Learn about ladybugs and butterflies, how they grow, and how they live in the following videos.

<https://watchandlearn.scholastic.com/videos/animals-and-plants/baby-animals-and-life-cycles/lovely-little-ladybugs.html>

<https://watchandlearn.scholastic.com/videos/animals-and-plants/baby-animals-and-life-cycles/the-life-of-a-butterfly.html>

Curious George (PK-2)

Help George catch different bugs, count them, and compare how many of each he has.

<https://pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/busyday/bugs/>

The Magic School Bus in a Beehive (Gr. 2+)

Follow Ms. Frizzle and the class into a beehive.

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x6skqj6>

Nat Geo Kids Insect Videos (Gr. 2+)

This playlist has many short videos for kids about different types of insects including caterpillars, bees, and ladybugs. Some of the videos are a little longer so check the playlist for what your child might be most interested in.

<https://youtu.be/i7zpS4RkK2o?list=PLQInTIdJs0ZQRpoi26VO9Yf5ONiG1iuHN>

Garden Life Writing Prompts

For younger students, have them draw pictures to respond to the question then dictate captions to describe their drawing.

- Write about an insect that you find interesting. Tell your reader information about this insect.
- Pretend you were a caterpillar. Describe what it was like to change into a butterfly.
- If you were the "Very Hungry Caterpillar," what kinds of foods would you eat?

Garden Life Read Alouds

Miss Spider's Tea Party

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6o5JLeFzb98>

A Ladybug Grows Up

<https://bookflix.digital.scholastic.com/pair/detail/bk0082pr/book?authCtx=U.794217314>

Waiting for Wings- Butterflies

<https://bookflix.digital.scholastic.com/pair/detail/bk0072pr/story?authCtx=U.794217314>



Materials: construction paper, coloring items, glue, scissors
Cut out paper for the butterfly's body. Then trace your child's hand on two different color pieces of paper. Fold the paper in half and cut out the handprint, leaving 4 "wing" pieces. Work with your child to glue the wings to the body then have your child decorate their butterfly and add a face.

Materials: construction paper, scissors, glue, plant materials
Use a piece of construction paper to cut out a butterfly shape. Then have your child head outside to look for items to decorate their butterfly with (i.e. flower petals, leaves, sticks, small pebbles, etc.). Have your child glue their findings to the outline to create their butterfly.

Materials: Items from outside, glue (liquid glue or hot glue gun), Optional: googly eyes
Head outside with your child to hunt for materials that they can use to create their own bugs (i.e. acorns, pinecones, rocks, sticks, leaves). Encourage them to hunt for different items, keeping in mind their creation does not have to look like a bug they know. Use glue to attach the different materials then add eyes to complete the bug. You can also have your child write about the bug they have created.