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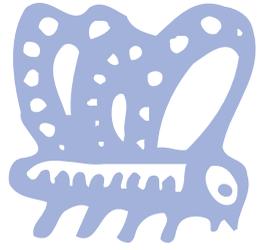


Last Tuesday, it was Butterfly Day in our classroom. The monarch caterpillars on our science table had been eating swan plant for days and days. We had watched them growing fatter and fatter. At last, they had crawled away and hung themselves upside down. Every caterpillar was safe inside its chrysalis.



On Tuesday morning, when we were doing maths, we noticed that a butterfly had come out of its chrysalis. It was opening and shutting its wings slowly. It stayed there for a long time, and then it started fluttering clumsily around the classroom.





The butterfly loved the flowers on Laura's dress. Shanaya's T-shirt had a story about a caterpillar and a butterfly printed on the front. Now she had a real butterfly on it!

We caught it carefully,
but it wouldn't stay on our hands.
It kept crawling up on our clothing
until it reached our heads.
The butterfly crawled up Yong Lu's neck.
It tickled. Yong Lu wasn't sure he liked that.

Ming said, "Get this butterfly off my head.
It feels funny."



Butterfly Day in our classroom was fun.
We did butterfly maths ...



and butterfly art ...

... and butterfly writing.

The mother butterfly comes to the swan plant and lays an egg under a leaf. One day the egg will hatch. The caterpillar eats a little bit when it's born. When the caterpillar is ready to hang as a chrysalis, it is big and fat. After two weeks in there, it will hatch out of the chrysalis. Then it will be a beautiful butterfly ... but it will have to dry its wings.

by Lexi



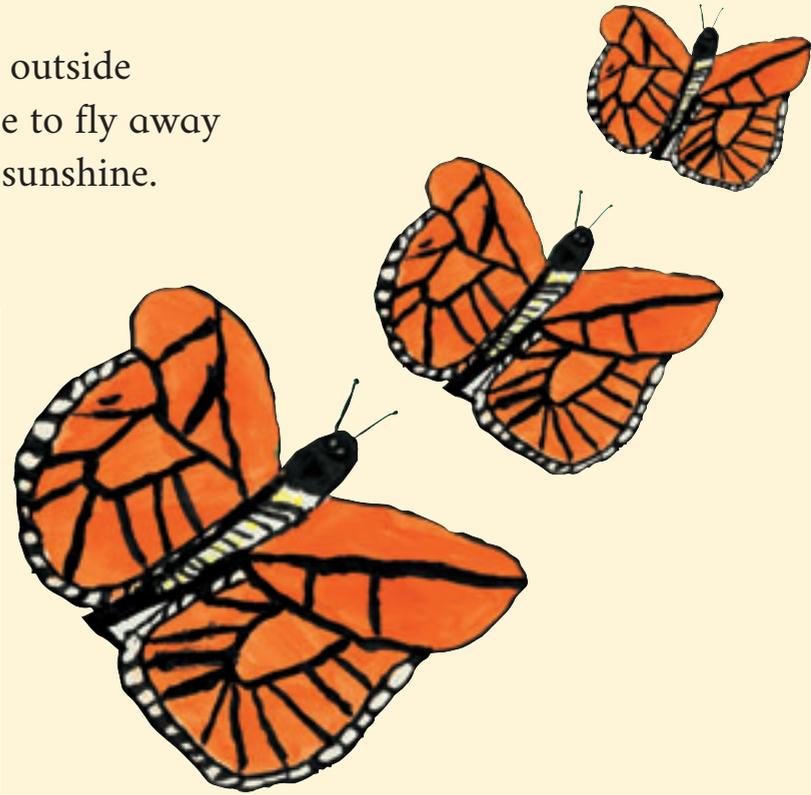
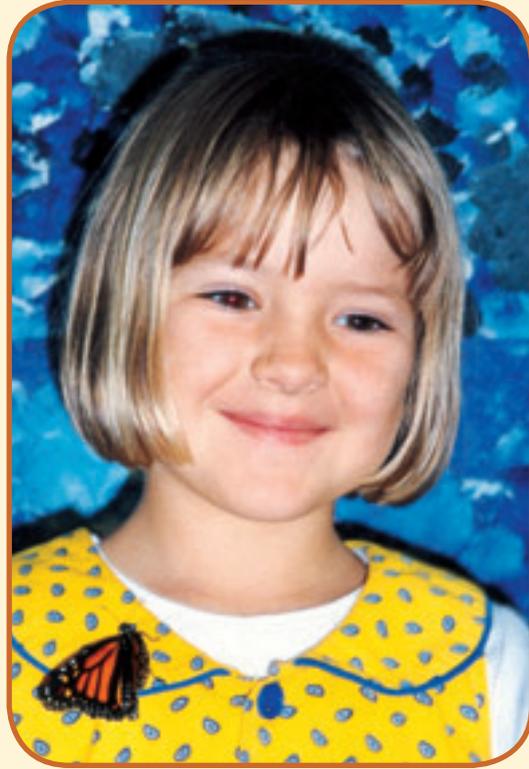
When a butterfly hatches, it practises flying. You have to look after it until it can fly. It will look beautiful.

by Ben





We took the butterfly outside
so that it could be free to fly away
in the warm autumn sunshine.



We can't wait until
the next Butterfly Day.

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