

# Growing a Reader

## Storytime to GO

### Theme: Butterfly

#### READ ALOUD TIPS

#### FROM MISS RENEE

- Make reading fun - this shouldn't be a chore for you or your child
- Preview the book. Reading it to yourself lets you know what your in for and helps with reading aloud
- Read in manner you're comfortable with but make sure you read with expression. If you're not comfortable doing voices don't, but don't read as if the book is boring.
- It's okay to ask questions, talk about things or explore the pictures with your child while you're reading
- Just because your child isn't sitting with you or gets up to play doesn't mean they aren't listening, so keep reading. Of course if they've left the room or are being really loud while playing then you can stop.

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Participate in the activities with your child. Just because you're a grownup doesn't mean you can be silly and have fun!

### Booklist

Waiting for Wings by Lois Ehlert

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

A Butterfly's Life Cycle by Mary Dunn

### Exploration Activity

#### Growing a Butterfly

The library has on display the caterpillars of the Painted Lady Butterfly.

These caterpillars arrive as tiny "newborns" and while they are here will triple in size, form a chrysalis and eventually emerge as butterflies where upon they will be released outside. Feel free to visit the library weekly to see the caterpillars as they grow and change. Also the library has the milkweed plant on its property, feel free to carefully explore this plant for signs of the Monarch Butterfly caterpillar.

### Craft

#### Butterfly Smush Paint

Materials: construction paper, butterfly pattern (optional), scissors, paint, popsicle stick

How to:

1. Cut a butterfly shape from the construction paper - you may do this free hand or use a butterfly pattern that can be found here <https://freesvg.org/line-art-butterfly-vector-image> (you just need the outline)
2. Fold your butterfly in half, and open
3. On one half of the butterfly, drip paint using the popsicle stick
4. Fold butterfly in half again, and squish sides together.
5. Open butterfly and let dry.

# More Activities to Do At Home

- Butterfly Life Cycle Sensory Bin

Fill a tray (bin or box) with three types of pasta that represent the life cycle of a butterfly: bowtie, rotini and shell. Have your child explore the shapes, can they build the butterfly life cycle, can they sort the different types of pasta (Option: buy colored (or color yourself) pasta and have them sort by colors)

- Caterpillar Popsicle Stick

Materials: popsicle sticks, glue, pipe cleaners (optional), pompoms and googly eyes Build: Glue the pompoms onto the popsicle stick. Add the eyes and twist the pipe cleaner around the stick to create antenna (antenna are optional)

- Create a Caterpillar sock puppet (materials: sock, large googly eyes and fabric paint)
- Create a butterfly sock puppet (materials: sock, felt cut into wing shapes, googly eyes, glue, fabric paint)
- Backyard butterfly hunt
- Plant a butterfly garden
- Butterfly puddling station <http://butterfly-lady.com/butterfly-puddling/>
- Build a butterfly house <https://www.doityourself.com/stry/3-plants-that-attract-butterflies>  
<http://www.pintsizefarm.com/diy-craft-stick-butterfly-house/>
- Build a butterfly feeder <http://www.readingconfetti.com/2013/07/easy-butterfly-feeder.html>  
<http://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-for-kids/butterfly-feeder/>
- Raise and release butterflies <https://www.insectlore.com/>

## To Learn More

- San Diego Kids: Butterfly <https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/animals/butterfly>
- National Geographic Kids: Butterfly Life Cycle <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/insects/butterfly-life-cycle/>
- National Geographic Kids: Monarch Butterfly <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/invertebrates/insects/monarch-butterfly/>

