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Sand Table Search for butterflies and caterpillars Writing words in the sand Water Table Scoop and count milkweed pods with nets Washing milkweed Washing dishes for our celebration Scoop and count butterfly sachets Blocks Creating an observation deck for Monarchs Creating a road to Mexico Art/Collage/Clay Painting with milkweed pods Working with Papier-mâché Creating a butterfly mural/banner Using clay to create the different life cycle stages Making a monarch story quilt Collage with monarch colors Tie dying with Monarch colors Apparel for Monarch celebration Creating monarchs using recycled materials on wood pieces Making play dough for our classroom Creating our self portraits Self portrait quilt Clay puppets Science Feeding and caring for our caterpillars & butterflies Learn body parts of butterfly (abdomen, thorax, head, antennae, wings, proboscis) How can you tell if it is a male of female monarch? Nature walks around campus Releasing milkweed pods on a windy day Observing milkweed pods, leaves, eggs, caterpillars, chrysalides, monarchs and face caps using magnifiers and digital microscopes Planting milkweed in our garden Planting a butterfly bush for our butterflies Documenting observations in our science journals Tagging our Monarch butterflies Using compound goggles to observe how monarch butterflies see Math Monarch life cycle picture puzzles Sorting butterflies Seriating caterpillars from smallest to largest Compare and contrast monarchs and swallowtails Measuring caterpillars using standard and non standard forms of measurement Sequencing lifecycle of the monarch butterfly Matching, counting, sorting, and patterning butterflies Graph - male and female butterflies Predict whether we will have more male or female Monarch butterflies Estimate how many Monarch butterflies will emerge from their chrysalides Record data in journals How many eggs are on the milkweed leaf game? Graph and chart: How many days will it take for : 1. An egg to hatch 2. A caterpillar to reach the J position 3. A caterpillar to pupate 4. A chrysalis to emerge Butterfly bingo Butterfly memory game Computer http://www.jigzone.com self portrait photographs http://www.jigzone.com/gallery/Butterflies http://www.learner.org/jnorth/monarch/index.html www.earthsbirthday.org/butterflies/bflys/games/lifecycle.asp www.unitedstreaming.com	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Books A Monarch Butterfly's Life by John Himmelman A Place for Butterflies by Melissa Stewart Arabella Miller's Tiny Caterpillar by Clare Jarret Becoming Butterflies by Anne Rockwell Caterpillars on the Move! By Abby Klein Fancy Nancy: Bonjour, Butterfly by Jane O'Connor Farfalina and Marcel by Holly Keller Fly, Monarch! Fly! by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace From Caterpillar to Butterfly by Deborah Heiligman Gotta Go Gotta Go! By Sam Swope Hurry and the Monarch by Antoine Flathearta I Wish I Were A Butterfly by James Howe If you Take a Mouse to School by Laura Numeroff Malinda Martha Meets Mariposa by Marcia Trimble Milkweed Visitors by Mary Holland Monarch and Milkweed by Helen Frost Monarch Butterfly by Gail Gibbons Monarch Butterfly of Aster Way by Elizabeth Ring Monarch! Come Play with Me by Ba Rea My, Oh My a Butterfly All About Butterflies by Tish Rabe My Preschool by Anne Rockwell The Butterfly Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta The Butterfly Counting Book by Jerry Pallotta The Magic School Bus and the Butterfly Bunch by Kristen Earhart The Monarch's Progress: Poems with Wings by Avis Harley The Skin You live In by Michael Tyler Waiting for Wings by Lois Elhert Where Butterflies Grow by Joanne Ryder Where Does the Butterfly Go When It Rains? By May Garelick Listening Center Listening to books on tape: <i>Fly Monarch Fly, Monarch of Aster Way</i> Listening and repeat poems Writing Center Word cards: butterfly, caterpillar, chrysalis, milkweed, Monarch in English and Spanish Writing in our journals Writing signs to identify the stages of the monarch butterfly Creating a Monarch butterfly book (Monarch Monarch, What do you see on campus) Create poetry about Monarchs Monarch bottle cap game Dramatic Play Monarch Observatory CDC Kitchen Music and Movement Life cycle dance Missing Milkweed Game Monarch/nectar dance Monarch Journey game Follow the Monarch Chrysalis Hide and Seek Monarch ,Monarch, Bird Wood Working Using wood, nails, wire, and recycled materials to create caterpillars and butterflies. Pupation Creation World Language Learn how to say butterfly in Spanish: mariposa Learn how to say caterpillar in Spanish: oruga http://butterflywebsite.com/articles/saybut.htm
	Welcome children and families—Building our classroom community					
			1 My Preschool Meeting new friends, becoming familiar with our classroom and making play dough for our classroom	2 The Skin You Live In Discovering our skin color using multicultural paints and creating our sign in people	3 If You Take a Mouse to School Recreating Mouse's science experiment using baking soda and vinegar	
	6 Labor Day School Closed	7 Monarch Butterflies Using digital microscopes to examine Monarch eggs and caterpillars	8 Monarch and Milkweed How many eggs are on the milkweed leaf?	9 Monarch! Come Play With Me Using clay to create the life cycle of a Monarch butterfly: egg, 5 instar caterpillars, chrysalis, and monarch	10 Magnificent Monarchs Identifying the difference between a male and female Monarch Seriating caterpillars from smallest to largest	
	13 Milkweed Visitors Observing and identifying insects that visit our milkweed garden Documenting our findings on our milkweed chart	14 Monarch Butterfly Identifying the parts of a butterfly	15 Fancy Nancy: Bonjour, Butterfly Going on a nature walk to look for Monarch butterflies and documenting our findings in our science journals	16 A Monarch Butterfly's Life Sketching milkweed, caterpillars, chrysalides and monarch butterflies	17 Caterpillars on the Move! Visiting www.journeynorth.com to view videos of the Monarch butterfly life cycle	
	20 Becoming Butterflies Matching and sequencing the life cycle of a Monarch butterfly	21 CDC Monarch book Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? Creating our Monarch Monarch, What Do You See? Book	22 Malinda Martha Meets Mariposa Creating monarch puppets and apparel	23 Farfalina and Marcel Monarch/nectar dance: When the music stops help the monarch sip nectar from the flower	24 Fly, Monarch! Fly! Monarch butterfly obstacle course: Help the monarch get to the oyamel tree Sipping nectar using our 'proboscis'	
	27 The Monarch's Progress: Poems with Wings Creating our own monarch poem	28 Hurry and the Monarch Creating a Monarch story quilt using fabric, paint, markers, and various materials	29 Gotta Go Gotta Go! Tagging our Monarch butterflies	30 We are having a Monarch Butterfly Day! The children will be playing... ~Monarch bowling ~Ring Toss ~Making Bracelets ~Monarch fishing		

