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Parkview First Grade Celebrates Learning with a Release Party



The first grade students at Parkview Elementary School have been learning about animal life cycles, particularly the butterfly. This common core science standards helps the students learn about the basic needs that all animals must have to grow. In early May, a small cup arrived in their classrooms. In these cups were very tiny caterpillars, just freshly hatched. Each student had to catch a tiny caterpillar with a paintbrush and put it into a container with caterpillar food. Then the students observed and waited for their caterpillars to grow and change.

Grow and change is exactly what the caterpillars did. The students watched as each caterpillar made its way to the top of the container and spun a chrysalis. After 10 days, butterflies emerged. The students were able to watch as the butterflies “straw like” tongue (proboscis) sucked up the sugar water solution. The students also made a butterfly book capturing all of the stages of the butterfly lifecycle. All butterflies were released onto the playground at Parkview Elementary School to start the cycle again.