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**Grade 2: Learning Centre 1-Page Write Up**

Lesson Title: The Life Cycle of a Butterfly

Grade Level: Grade 2 Social Studies

Objectives: In this lesson, I will use a short homemade picture book to teach students about a butterfly’s life cycle. After listening to the story read aloud, students will use their knowledge to create their own butterfly life cycles! The learning centre addresses the Grade 2 Social Studies Curriculum Outcome 2.1.1: *Describe the growth and development of familiar animals during their lifecycle.* (New Brunswick Department of Education, 2005, p. 116)

Materials:

* *Butterfly Life Cycle,* Homemade Picture Book
* Life Cycle Activity Sheet
* Crayons & Markers
* Glue sticks
* Timer
* *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

Procedures:

* Begin by asking students if they know what a lifecycle is and call on a few students to offer their ideas (2 mins).
* Explain what a life cycle is and that you will be reading a short picture book about the lifecycle of a butterfly.
	+ A life cycle is all the stages a living thing goes through during its life. Every life cycle is the same for every generation of that species (1-2 mins).
* Read the *Butterfly Life Cycle* to the group (1 min).
* Bring out the Life Cycle Activity sheet and explain to the children that they are to first glue the squares in the appropriate order on their sheets and if time permits they may color them. (If they run out of time, they may finish coloring at home) (3 mins).
* Praise them on their good work and listening skills and ask them to share their sheets with their friends and family.

Extension Ideas for Post-Learning:

* Learners could read “*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*” by Eric Carle at home with their families and compare the story to the one we covered in class. They can also complete the attached activity sheet to practice their knowledge and literacy skills further.
* Students can watch a time-lapse video on the life cycle of a butterfly at <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/activity/the-very-hungry-caterpillar-and-the-butterfly-life-cycle/>
* Students can also explore other insect or animal life cycles and compare to a butterfly’s.