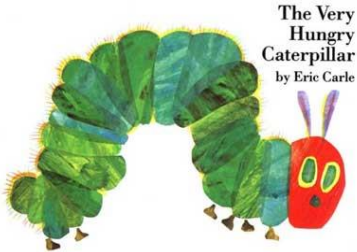


The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Introducing the book:



<http://jardindalyse.com/chenille-trous-exploitation-maternelle/>

Exploring the Cover

Show the book and invite children to describe the caterpillar. Ask children: Does he look happy? What color do you see? How do you think the artist made this caterpillar? Read aloud the title and ask: Why do you think the caterpillar is so hungry?

Page Flip

Invite children to flip through the pages of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Ask children: What do you notice that is different about this book? Compare to another book and talk about the holes in the pages and the different sized pages. Tell the children that the author made the book this way on purpose. Ask children to think about why as they read the story.

Building Background

Ask children what they know about caterpillars. Have they ever seen one? Held one? How did it feel? What happens to caterpillars? Make a poster with children's answers. List children's knowledge in the first column. After reading the story, revisit the chart to add information to a second column. You can continue the lesson with other nonfiction books on caterpillars and butterflies to increase children's knowledge.

Reading the book:

Basic Concepts

Counting: Invite children to count out the food that the hungry caterpillar eats each weekday. Ask children: How many things does he eat on Saturday? How many more things is that than he ate on Friday?

Days of the Week: Show the days of the week on the calendar and have children tell what the caterpillar does on each day.

Big and Small: Point out that the caterpillar changes his size through the book. Ask children to name things in the class that are small and things that are big.

Changes: Review the changes that the caterpillar undergoes. Then ask if children can think of other things that change.

Ask children: Do pets change? How? Do trees change? Have you changed?

After Reading the book

Make Caterpillar and Butterfly Crafts

Children can have fun retelling the story with their own caterpillars and butterflies.

To Make Caterpillars: use discarded egg cartons, pipe cleaners, paints, or markers.

1. Cut apart a carton to make a six-hump caterpillar.
2. Paint the carton including a face on one end.
3. Poke two holes for antennae and insert pipe cleaners.



<https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2020/05/very-hungry-caterpillar-activities-for-preschoolers.html>

To Make Butterflies: coffee filters, paints, pipe cleaners.

1. Fold the filter in half, then open it again.
2. Drip paint on the center fold. Let it spread and dry.
3. Pinch the filter in the center, then wrap a pipe cleaner around it to be the butterfly's body.



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