

Sample Family Literacy Bag

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Books

- 1) *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, by Eric Carle (1969, 1987)
- 2) *The Lamb and the Butterfly*, by Arnold Sundgaard (1988)
- 3) *In the Tall, Tall Grass*, by Denise Fleming (1991, 1995)

Story extension activity

- 1) “Mini-flannel board” – Children attach flannel board shapes of food items, a caterpillar, a cocoon, and a butterfly from the story to the mini-flannel board and retell the story.

Writing activity

- 1) “Our Butterfly Book” - Children make their own butterfly books by drawing a picture of a butterfly and dictating a story about their butterfly to their parents. Parents can model the writing process by printing what the child says and then reading the words back to the child. Parents then encourage the child to write the words.

Game or craft activity

- 1) “A clothespin butterfly” – Children use colorful squares of tissue paper, a clothespin, and two pipe cleaners to create a beautiful butterfly.
- 2) “Play dough” – children mold caterpillars, cocoons, and butterflies out of play dough.