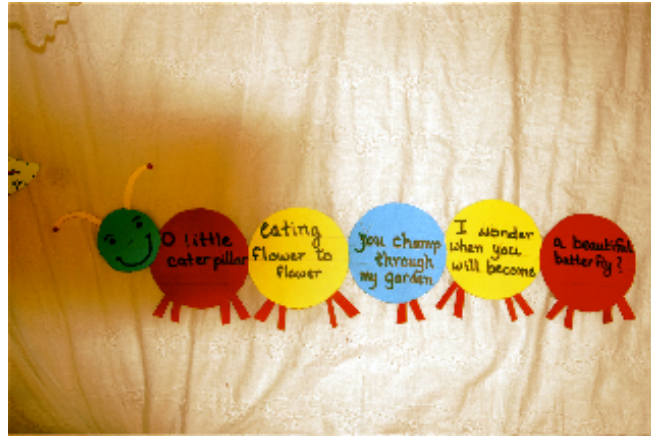


POETRY CATERpillARS AND BUTTERFLIES



Students will first discuss the life cycle of a butterfly, going through all of the stages from egg, to larva/caterpillar, to pupa/chrysalis, to butterfly. Then they will brainstorm words - adjectives, verbs, and nouns to describe that process. Then give them some time to create a poem, either for a caterpillar, or a butterfly. Older students will probably prefer to create a dramatic butterfly, with plenty of patterns and decoration. Younger students can use circles and cut-out "v's" for caterpillar legs, and they may be happy simply with one or two words describing a caterpillar on each body segment. Leave the head for a face, without words.

