

Cloverbuds: Bugs, Butterflies, Worms, and Spiders

Things to Try at Home

Butterfly Plant Marker

Materials:

- Bamboo skewer or pencil or craft stick
- Craft foam or recycled Styrofoam trays
- Clear contact paper
- Index card 3x5 cut in half
- Wax paper or tracing paper
- Colored pencils
- Duct tape or mail/package tape
- Scissors
- Book: *Waiting for Wings* by Lois Ehlert

What to do:

- Read the book *Waiting for Wings* together.
- Choose a picture of a butterfly with its wings open or pick one from the "Butterfly Identification" page in the back of the book.
- Trace the outline of the butterfly on to the wax paper. Cut out your wax paper butterfly. Now you have a stencil.
- Use your wax paper butterfly stencil to trace the shape on to the craft foam. Cut out your butterfly.
- Make a sign. Write: "Welcome Butterflies" on the index card. You can also write that name of the flower or plant on the sign, too.
- Cover your sign with contact paper. This will keep it dry when it rains.
- Tape the butterfly and the sign to the top of the skewer.
- The pointy end of your plant marker goes in the ground or flowerpot.

Optional: go for a nature walk in a park to find the flowers on the "Flower Identification " page in the back of the book.

Talk about:

- If you were a butterfly, what would be your favorite food or flower be?
- Where would butterflies find food in our neighborhood?
- What would it be like to eat only like a butterfly?