



Life Cycle of an Insect

(Butterfly)

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Standard

- S2L1. Students will investigate the life cycles of different living organisms
 - A. determine the sequence of the life cycle of common animals in your area: a mammal, such as a dog or cat or classroom pet, a bird such as a chicken, an amphibian such as a frog, and an insect such as a butterfly.

Mini Lesson

- We discussed vocab that pertained to the stages of the life cycle of a butterfly.
 - **Egg** - A butterfly starts it's life as an egg
 - **Larva** - The larva (caterpillar) hatches from an egg and eats leaves or flowers almost constantly. The caterpillar molts (loses its old skin) many times as it grows.
 - **Pupa** - It turns into a pupa (chrysalis); this is a resting stage.
 - **Adult** - A beautiful, flying adult emerges. There is no growth during this stage. This adult will continue the cycle and reproduce.

Materials

- 4 different types of things to represent each stage (pasta and beans is easiest)
- Markers
- Paper plates
- Liquid Glue
- Crayons / colored pencils

Activity

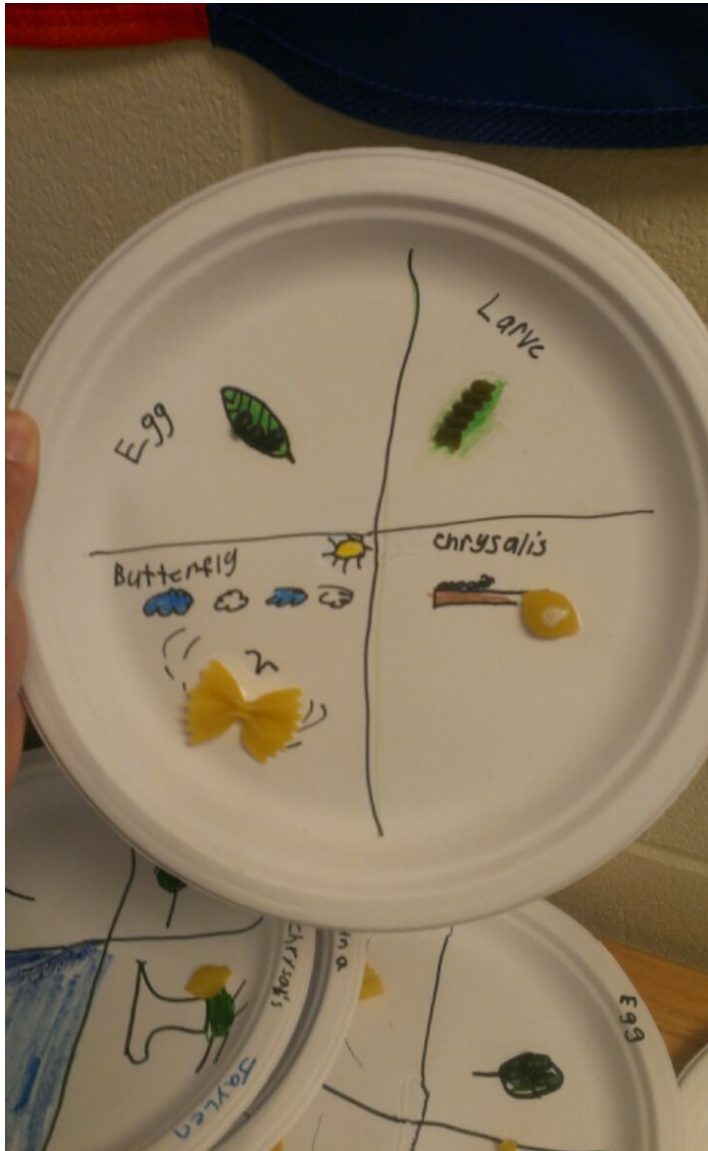
- My students took the paper plates and divided one into four sections
- Then they labeled each section as one part of the Butterfly's life cycle in sequential order
- Then they chose different pasta shapes to represent the butterfly in each part of its life
 - Beans – eggs
 - Squiggly – larva
 - Shell – chrysalis
 - Bow tie – butterfly



Final Product



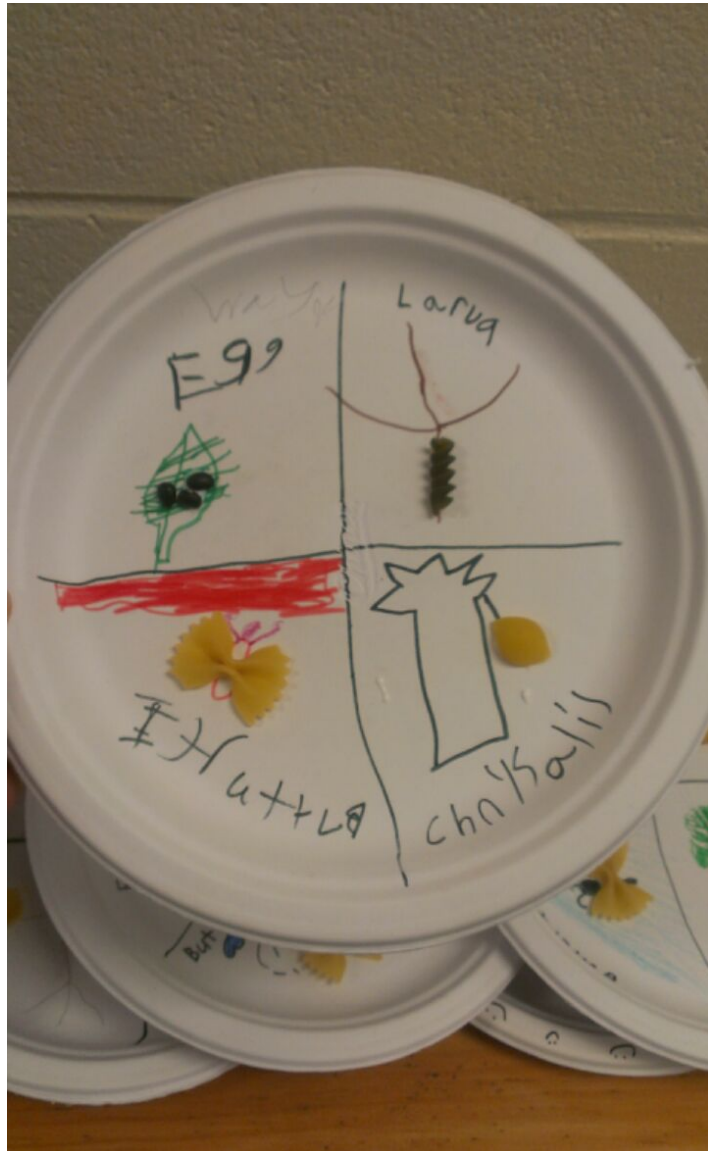
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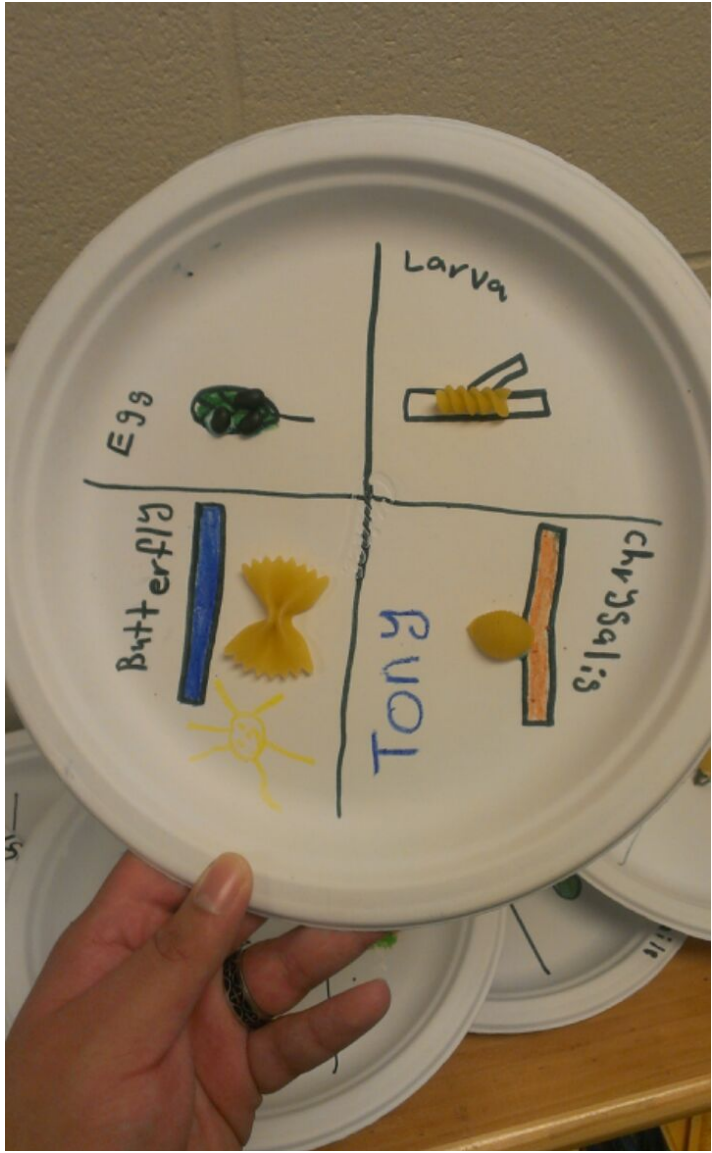
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Destiny



Wayne



Tony

Side Tips / Things You Could Change

- If you have time, let your students go outside to collect twigs and leaves to glue down and glue their pasta on. (gives it a cooler look)
- Have reference books for confusion (picture books)
- Watch your time and have your kids go step by step with you
- Let your kids get creative and talk things out