



Dear Parents,

Most children are very interested in learning about insects and creepy-crawling bugs. Those quirky creations of GOD can be quite mesmerizing. So, all this week we have been investigating insects. We learned that insects have six legs and that most insects have wings. Dragonflies, ladybugs, honeybees, moths and butterflies are all insects. While reading through the following non-fiction text, [Butterfly or Moth? How Do You Know?](#), the children learned about and discussed the similarities and differences of moths and butterflies. The more we read about butterflies and moths the more fascinating things we discovered. Did you know that butterflies use their feet to taste and their antennae to smell, feel and hear? Did you know that a moth has a fat and fuzzy body and antennae while a butterfly has a thin body with thin antennae? Did you know that a butterfly rests with its wings closed and a moth rests with its wings open? Did you know that a butterfly's tongue is called a proboscis? Many insects have a proboscis. A proboscis is "an elongated sucking mouthpart that is typically tubular and flexible."

During one of our Math lessons, I introduced the children to the geometrical concept of symmetry. "An object has [reflection symmetry](#) if there is a line of symmetry going through it which divides it into two pieces which are mirror images of each other." ([Wikipedia.org](#)) After that math lesson, the children then used their watercolor paints and the quality of symmetry to create an array of beautiful butterflies that now adorn our large bulletin board. You are welcome to stop by to view and admire them.

Please return the permission slip for our Easter Parade to Blocher Home (which is on Tuesday, April 16) by Monday, April 8. Thank you.

Here are some **very important dates** for your planning convenience:

- **Friday, April 12:** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Friday, May 3:** No school for kindergartners due to entrance screening for next year's Kindergarten Class
- **Friday, May 10:** Buffalo Zoo Field Trip  
I am looking for one parent chaperone to accompany the children and me on the bus. Please let me know if you are interested in assisting me with this need.  
**ALL OTHER PARENT CHAPERONES MUST MEET US AT THE ZOO ENTRANCE BY 9:45 a.m.**
- **Monday, May 20:** The kindergartners will begin taking the IOWA BASIC SKILLS standardized assessments  
These assessments will be given each morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. from May 20-24.  
They will measure your child's vocabulary, language, word analysis, reading, and math skills.
- **Wednesday, May 22:** Williamsville North High School Planetarium Field Trip  
I have enough seating for 8 parent chaperones. Please let me know if you are interested in assisting the children from 12:55 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. There will be no admission fee for this experience, but there is a bus fee of \$2.00 per child. Parent chaperones will meet us at Williamsville North High School @ 12:55p.m.  
Please **return the attached permission slip and bus fee by 4/19.**

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Basinski