



## Share-Ideas for May



If we could peek into most early childhood classrooms during the month of May, we would see many signs of the spring season. The walls may be decorated with the children's very own pictures of birds, butterflies, grasshoppers, and flowers. The science table might have a variety of sprouting seeds such as bean sprouts, onion bulbs, grass seeds or carrot tops in paper cups. There may be a bowl of tadpoles or a terrarium with a frog in it, or a caterpillar in an insect cage.

We watched a Monarch caterpillar grow into a butterfly in our butterfly cage. We wrote stories about it, and a made a puppet story. It became the Butterfly Express book in the Magic Castle Series.



### Tell a Puppet Story About A Butterfly

Make a caterpillar out of an old sock. A paper bag can be the chrysalis, and a glove can be the butterfly to pull out of the bag.



### Celebrate Mother's Day With a Picture-Word Wall

Children can fill a wall with pictures of today's mothers from A to Z. From airplane pilot, baby doctor, college teacher, dancer, engineer, farmer, Gardner, homemaker, iceskater, judge, kindergarten teacher, lifeguard, mother, all the way to zookeeper.

### Make Mother's Day Word Flowers

With a circle for the center of the flower, colored petals A Mother's Day word flower is fun and colorful.



### Make a heavy paper Magic Broom for Mother

This was one of the best loved Mother's Day gifts that the children in my class ever made. Try it.

## Play the Animal Mother's Day Game

Fold construction paper like this. Write the name of a baby animal on the outside, and the adult on the inside. Here are some suggestions:

gosling-geese

calf-cow

fawn-deer

cub-bear

kid-goat

owlet-owl

puppy-dog

tadpole-frog

piglet,pig

signet-swan

