The Very Hungry Caterpillar Play
Room One
May 17, 2012
Provocation

After reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* the teachers asked the children how they would act if they were the caterpillar in our story. The children began showing us their own ideas of how they thought the caterpillar would act. The teachers then read the story while the children acted out the caterpillar's part. The next day the children had the following discussion during meeting.
The Very Hungry Caterpillar Conversation at Meeting

January 30, 2012

**Hayden:** I'm gonna be the caterpillar.

**DeShaun:** I'll be the cocoon and butterfly.

**Jon:** Mimi, Mimi, I want the butterfly.

**Hayden:** I want to act like a butterfly.

**DeShaun:** We need someone fat. Maybe we should get costumes.

**Diego:** The butterfly flaps its' wings. How do we act like a butterfly? We need a stage.

**DeShaun:** We need to see if people can buy as costumes.

**Hayden:** We can use pretend dresses.

**DeShaun:** In the Piazza there is a stage.

**Hayden:** There is a really big box. Who’s gonna watch us because we don’t have people to watch us.

**DeShaun:** We can take turns and people can come to watch us. Can I be the guy that works there? How about Ms. Kissiye and Ms. Joyce can come to the play.

**Hayden:** We need three chairs. We need popcorn.

**Zikhaia:** We need the lights off.

**Hayden:** It’s gonna be five minutes. We need someone to say ladies and gentlemen. We need to practice.

**DeShaun:** We need the lights out and have a show.

**Ka’Aliyah:** Can our moms come?

**DeShaun:** What about the boss if they say no then they can’t come. We need a flashlight so we can see. We need a camera and we need to dance. We need some tickets to give to Ms. Kissiye. We need to give to other classes. We need to draw some butterflies on the tickets.

**Hayden:** I’m gonna use my clothes.

**DeShaun:** We need some tentacles.

**Hayden:** We could use our fingers.

**DeShaun:** We can tie them on our ears. How about we do some butterfly dancing moves.
**PM**

**Israel**: We could wear costumes.

**Nicole**: A play is like everybody get on a stage. You pretend like you’re on stage and a caterpillar.

**Israel**: An egg looks like a ball and shaped like a ball. You can make a ball and roll it up like a ball. We can bring out play to the play thing. I want teachers and kids to come. Ms. Mimi can ask them to come to our play. You can send us to a room and ask them to come.

**Joshua**: We can go to their houses.

**Israel**: What is a play?

**Nicole**: A play is acting like a caterpillar.

**Israel**: A play is a show.

**Joshua**: Somebody can be a sun.

**Nicole**: I know who can be the sun. Ms. Pam!

**Torrie**: No, she can’t be the sun, it’s yellow.

**Israel**: Two kids can be the same thing.

**Nicole**: Ms. Mimi can be the lollipop.

**Torrie**: She’s shaped like a lollipop.

**Israel**: We can get the other teachers to come just go to them.

**Joshua**: Teachers need to be in the show too.

**Nicole**: Ms. Pam can be the big fat caterpillar.

**Ryan**: We can make money with paper if we can’t buy costumes.

**Ally**: We can paint the butterflies.

**Israel**: We have costumes in the Piazza. We can use glue to make the wings.

**Ryan**: If I would get a butterfly costumes I would use scissors I make a butterfly then a caterpillar.

**Nicole**: Are we gonna make the butterfly out of wood?

**Joshua**: How are we gonna make the colors of the butterfly?

**Ryan**: We don’t need to make costumes.
How Can We Make Our Costumes?

February 21, 2012

**Hailey:** I have some white silk at home that Emily can use for her costume. We can cut it in half for Deshaun to use for his costume too. He can sit down and we can wrap it around him. Why are moons white?

**Zikhaia:** We can make a stick to hold them up. All the kids the pictures of the part they’re gonna do at the play.

**Hayden:** We need two antennas. I can put a face on it. I need tree branches. We can paint my face. It could be pink because I like pink.

**Hailey:** Green can be the leaf.

February 22, 2012

**Hailey:** I want to make my costume with sparkles and jewels on the front.

**Israel:** We need costume machine for that stuff. You know a machine that makes dolls? That’s what we need for the costumes. It’s a sewing machine. We need to make some with air too so you don’t get hot during the show. We need a fan.

**Hailey:** We can put a fan under the ampits!

February 27, 2012

**Hayden:** I need antenna’s. I can make them out of pretzels.

**Hailey:** I have white stick. We can put some tape in Hayden’s hair. Sometimes she has sticks that drop down from the tree we can use.

**Hayden:** Ally could dress like a worker.

**DeShaun:** Ally can dress up. She wears a dress.

**Hailey:** She can wear the author’s clothes and be the reader. I saw Eric Carle at the end and he didn’t have a hat on. How about we have string that goes around the stage at the end of the play.

**DeShaun:** I need a red face.

**Hayden:** How about we paint our face.

**Ally:** I’m gonna wear a dress. I’m the reader.

**DeShaun:** We can make the cocoon out of sticks and we can use the gold to wrap it up.

**Hailey:** I can go back home and make some cookies for the play.
Fieldtrip to Michaels Fabric Store

March 5, 2012

DeShaun: We went to get fabric to make our costumes.

Hailey: We need some jewels to make my costumes.

Zikhaia: We need scissors.

Hailey: We need paper for DeShaun costumes so we can make it more whiter.

DeShaun: We can make a mask. We need string to tie on the back to hold together.

Hailey: It sounds good to me.

DeShaun: Can we have our butterfly show tomorrow.

Faith: My orange costume is a circle.

Maurice: You gotta cut to make the shape.

DeShaun: We need some string and probably some glue to put the costumes on.

Maurice: What about tape?

DeShuan: We gotta have to cut it a little bit so it can fit.
Food Menu Conversation

May 2, 2012

**DeShuan**: If they wanna eat food they have to give us money.

**Hailey**: The parents don’t have to give us money. We could just give them food if they’re hungry.

**DeShuan**: We could give them popcorn.

**Hayden**: And donuts!

**Hailey**: We could have slushies for the parents if they get thirsty.

**DeShaun**: They could choose green, apple or lemonade.
Invitation to The Very Hungry Caterpillar

The children wanted to make an invitation for parents and teachers to come to the play. The children made many drawings. During meeting the children were asked what we should put on our invitation. Their conversation is below.

Hailey: We could put a butterfly on our invitation.

Hayden: Yeah, and a caterpillar.

Bijanka: A apple.

DeShaun: We should put the phone number on there so we know who’s coming.

Ms. Mimi: What should we ask on our invitation?

Diego: You can come to our play?

We used drawings and words from many of the children to put the invitation together. Each child was given an invitation to bring home. A few of the children wanted to go around the building and give invitations out to the teachers and administration. The following page is the final draft of their invitation. The following pictures were taken while the children were handing out our invitations.
“We can call the tree our Butterfly Tree.” Hailey

“Can we put butterflies on it and we could make it hang from the ceiling and paint the butterflies?” Israel

“Can we draw the butterflies and plan out what we are going to do?” Hailey

“We can use strings to hang them and wire. They can be monarch butterflies.” Hayden

“We can put fake butterflies on it or real butterflies? Call it a Butterfly Tree.” Ryan
During meeting one of our children suggested that we need something that has, “All the kids pictures and the part they’re gonna do at the play.” - Zikhaia

The teachers then took each child aside and took their picture. Each child was asked what part they play, who was in their family, what they like to do, what their favorite color is, and what their favorite food is. The following page is the brochure that was created as the cast portrait and bio sheet for the audience to view.
THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR
CAST PORTRAITS AND BIOS

Ally: I read the book, I’m the narrator. My daddy, my mommy, me, baby sister are my family. I like to play with my toys. I have a new big pool now. Pink and purple and blue are my favorite colors. Cheese is my favorite, it’s floppy.

DeShaun: I play the moon. I love my family. I take care of my family. I like to go with them and eat with them. I like to play hide and go seek. My favorite color is orange and green. I like to get ice cream.

Emily: Egg. Gabby does my hair like a circle. Her is my best friend and Samantha my best friend in my heart. I like to draw and build the castle and playin’ the drums and readin’ the books and I play in the sand. Blue my favorite and my favorite pink and green and yellow and purple. Apple tree is my favorite.

Kaliyah: I am the sun. My family looks like me. Four sisters and brothers. I like to play outside and walk up the street with my brother and my sister. I like to ride my bicycle. I have a baby dog, his name is King. Purple and pink are my favorite. My favorite food is chocolate milk.

Hayden: I’m the caterpillar. I pop out of my egg and then at the end I make the cocoon and I stay inside for more than two weeks, nibble my way out and then I was a beautiful butterfly. Um, sometimes I’m sick and I sleep with my mom and dad. I snuggle with my mom and dad downstairs when they ask me to. Aj, Rorrie, my baby are my family, that’s it. I like to play and play and play. Black, orange, blue, green and silver are my favorite colors. Baked beans and mashed potatoes and cereal that’s my favorite food.

Bijanka: A Apple. Yaya, Troy, me, my baby my family. I like to play with them. I like to play with toys and bubbles and blocks. Purple my favorite and pink. Yellow my favorite and green. Jelly sandwich my favorite.

Diego: A Pears. We already go to the park and we have fun together and we eat at the park and have fun. My dad, my mom, my brother, my ‘mother big brother and Angel too, my family. Blue my favorite. ‘Pighetti my favorite.
Jasmine: I play the Plum. My mommy her name is Vanessa. My daddy his name is Juan. My sister name is Jayla and Destiny. I like to dance with my daddy. I have a Mario game and I like to dance to it. Pink is my favorite color. Cereal is my favorite.

Ka’Allyah: I play the Strawberry. Me and my family we look at butterflies and caterpillars and we go home and play Barbies in my room with my friend Emely and Jasmine. Pink and green are my favorite and I do like purple. I eat spinach, it’s my favorite. I don’t like naps ‘cuz naps are what I don’t like. I share my bike.

Faith: I’m a Orange. My mommy feed me and my mommy go to the store and go to Grandpa’s and Nannies. My daddy go to work. DeShane’, her my sister. Alexia, her my sister too. Marquise, he still has candy, and that it. I like to play with Abby, my doll; her can’t work. Red my favorite. Pears my favorite.

Jayda: I’m a snack. I love my family. My mom and my grandma and my pawpaw and my brother and that’s all and me. They’re my family. I like to play Barbies. I like to play with cats and dogs. Pink and purple and orange and yellow and green are my favorite. Green beans are my favorite.

Zikhaia: I play the Snack. My family’s nice to me and sometimes I dress myself and sometimes my mommy dresses myself. I like to play with them. I like to watch movies with them at bedtime. Purple and pink are my favorites and my other favorite colors is red, green, blue, green, orange, black and violet, that’s my favorite colors and white. My favorite food is cereal and stackers.

Troy' Shawn: I’m Snacks. My momma, me, Troyvon and Troy my family. Play blocks and build. All the colors my favorite. Crackers, graham crackers my favorite.

Carmello: I’m Snack. Family, my Mommy and Cam and Daddy and that’s it. I like to play with them and go outside and play and to the playground. I like to go to sleep and eat. ‘Spaghetti my favorite. Red my favorite.


Hailey: I’m the butterfly; I flap my wings. Well, I have a mom and a dad. I like to play with my toy camera. I like to go outside every day. Pink and blue, they’re my favorite. Tacos and chips and dip is my favorite food.

Thank you for coming to our play to support your child and their efforts during our Butterfly project! Please feel free to grab a snack! Enjoy the show!
The Classroom Butterflies
Practice
showing

The Very Hungry Caterpillar