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Materials: pipe cleaners, pencils

Grade level: Kindergarten

This activity was designed to introduce students to the concept of metamorphosis. We showed a brief powerpoint with pictures of butterflies and a video of a caterpillar turning into a butterfly (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=po_eefV-UGs). We introduced the word “metamorphosis” to students. Then, students used pipe cleaners to build caterpillars and added wings to turn their caterpillars into butterflies. We ended the lesson with a review of the concept we discussed (metamorphosis).

Here are visual instructions for making the pipe cleaner butterflies:

