Butterflies

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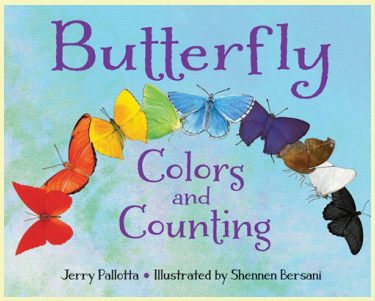
Book to add to your child's library: *Butterfly Colors and Counting* by Jerry Pallatta



MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Who's Here Today?
(to the tune of Farmer in the Dell, sing while lifting and bouncing.)
_____'s here today,
_____'s here today,
I'm so glad you're here today,
I think I'll shout Hurray!
(shout Hurray!)

Flutter, Flutter Butterfly
(Tune: "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star")
Flutter, flutter butterfly,
Floating softly way up high.
Gentle wings go flap, flap, flap,
Then you rest upon my lap.

Gently move baby's arms like flapping wings.

Butterfly Song
Butterfly, butterfly,
pretty, pretty butterfly.
Flying here and flying there,
flying everywhere.
When I see you flap your wings,
I know that its time for spring.
Butterfly, butterfly,
pretty butterfly

BABY GAMES & LANGUAGE

Butterfly Words
Repeat slowly throughout play:
- butterfly
- flutter
- wings
- fly
- soft

Where Is the Butterfly?
Use a soft butterfly toy or picture. Move it away slowly and ask: Where is the butterfly?" Bring it back into view and say: "Here is the butterfly!"

Pat A Cake (chant)
Pat a cake, Pat a cake
Baker's Man,
Roll him and roll him
and THROW him in the pan!
(Sit baby on lap and gently roll him backwards for last line.)

Baby Go Up
(tune to Loop D' Loo)
Up in the air to right,
Up in the air to left,
Wiggle baby up like this,
And now give a butterfly kiss!

EXPLORATION

Flying Butterfly
Cut out a butterfly from construction paper and fly your butterfly around to cheery music (or help baby fly the butterfly around). Repeat the phrase "butterfly flutters in the sky!"

Butterfly Sensory Play
Choose one gentle option:
- Soft fabric butterflies
- Light scarves to watch float down
- Textured paper or felt wings

Narrate simply:

"Soft."
"Flutter."
"Fly."

Find the Butterflies
Point out to your baby all the butterflies you can find around the house (clothing, pictures, blankets, diapers) and help him touch each one.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING / BONDING

Pease Porridge Hot!
Pease porridge hot!
Pease porridge cold!
Pease porridge in the pot
Nine days old.

Some like it hot,
Some like it cold,
Some like it in the pot
Nine days old!
You can add the following variation to the words: "Baby likes it hot, Mama likes it cold, Daddy likes it in the pot nine days old," etc.

Make conversation with your child after reciting this rhyme, such as "Nine days old! That's an awfully long time! Yucky! Does (child's name) like it nine days old?"