

Butterflies Don't Chew Bubblegum!

Lesson Plan

Age Range: 3-4

These three butterfly activities can be done after reading "Butterflies Don't Chew Bubblegum!" to continue the butterfly theme. They are designed for children roughly 3 years of age to reinforce colors and numbers and improve finger dexterity through lacing.

The children should be able to complete the lacing and coloring independently so most of your time can be devoted to Make-A-Butterfly with individual children.

Butterfly Lacing

Objective	Lacing
Materials	Printed Butterfly Lamination Hole Puncher 1 Shoe Lace per printed butterfly
Time	3-5 minutes per child

Summary:

- Print out color copies of the butterfly
- Cut each butterfly out of the piece of paper
- Laminate the butterflies
- With a hole puncher, make holes around the edges of the butterfly
- Each laminated butterfly will need a shoe laces
- Ask the child to use the shoe lace to lace through the holes around the edge of the butterfly.

Butterfly Coloring

Objective	Counting Colors
Materials	Photocopied Butterfly Pictures Crayons Puff Paint
Time	5-10 minutes per child

Summary:

- Print out one picture of the butterfly for each student
- Ask the students to color in the butterflies
 - Optional: Ask them to use at least 5 different colors... when they are done, ask them to count how many colors they used and to tell you what each of the colors

are.

- When the student is done coloring, squeeze some puff paint around the mouth of the butterfly to look like it's blowing bubbles.
- Allow the puff paint to dry.

Make-A-Butterfly (Counting)

Objective	Counting
Materials	1 white Coffee Filters per child Bingo Daubers, different colors 2 Pipe Cleaners per child Dice, 6-sided Surface you can use the bingo daubers on (newspaper, tray, etc)
Time	5-10 minutes per child

Summary:

- Sitting with the child, flatten out the coffee filter and ask them to roll a die.
- Ask the child to tell you what number they rolled
- Ask the child to pick a bingo dauber and make that number of dots on the coffee filter
- Repeat this process until the coffee filter is filled with colorful dots, like butterfly wings
- Depending on the child, you may want to do the following steps:
 - Twist the coffee filter in the middle (where the body of the butterfly will be)
 - Fold a pipe cleaner in half, which will be the body of the butterfly
 - Place the twist of the coffee filter in the middle of the folded pipe cleaner and twist the pipe cleaner so it is attached to the coffee filter
 - Use a second pipe cleaner to make the antenna of the butterfly
- Allow the coffee filter to dry completely