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Level Emergent **Key Learning Area** Literacy: speaking, listening, viewing

Purpose To study details in photographs perceptively

Text type Description: Science. The purpose of this description is to articulate ideas clearly and logically, using nouns, adjectives and present tense verbs in simple sentence structures. This book describes the development of a monarch butterfly from egg to adult.

Key Teaching Points

Picture Discussion

Read the title and talk about the cover photograph. Encourage students to share their knowledge of monarch butterflies.

Study each photograph carefully. Notice small differences from one stage of development to the next, prior to turning the page.

Return to pages 2 and 3. As a group, describe the different stages in detail. Record the information on a device. Have the students listen to this information as they turn the pages in their books.

Write the information on a chart. Read it together.

Key Questions

Where does the monarch butterfly lay her eggs? *(Literal)*

What happens to the caterpillar's skin as it turns into a chrysalis? *(Literal)*

Why are the butterfly's wings all crumpled when it comes out of the chrysalis? *(Inferential)*

Links with other PM Wordless Texts

PM Guided Reading	Level 1	*Pizzas for dinner*
PM Guided Reading	Level 1	*Washing my dog*

Links with PM Oral and Written Literacy

PM Oral Literacy	Emergent	*Exploring Vocabulary Big Book*
PM Writing	Emergent	*Exemplars for Teaching Writing Big Book*



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