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Let us explore the wonder of nature….
Why butterflies?
Did you know that East coast monarch butterflies travel from New York to Mexico to spend a winter there? They are the only insect that migrates 2500miles south. However the generation of butterflies that arrives in Mexico is not the same generation that was born in New York. As a matter of fact it is the fourth generation of little critters. Every 600 or so miles butterflies land, find the milkweed flower, and lay eggs. There, little caterpillars feast on the milkweed and cocoon is created. Soon the wonder of nature reviles with beautiful little mater nature creatures. It would be a wonderful thing to look at this process in our classroom. We could see stages of development of butterflies. All we need is monarch butterfly growing kit.
How much will cost?
This kit can be found on educational science online store for $39.00. We would need to get 3 kits of Monarch and milkweed plant growing kit with pop-up butterfly cage. The project will contain milkweed plant that will have food and place for next generations of butterflies that will lay eggs.
What will my student get?
Three kits would be enough so every student can see stages and make note and write observation log about our classroom guests. This would be class project and students would be grouped and assigned to every kit. Each kit would have pair of students assigned to take care of on that day. This is the perfect way to relate my student to nature. They will learn the responsibility, how to keep data, and how wonderfully beautiful nature is!
How are we going to do this?
Daily observations and notes would be made in butterfly diaries for every kit. Student that are assigned need to take care of caterpillars, feed them same as butterflies once they get out of chrysalis. Students will be able to figure the way to follow instructions and to see how their own actions will reflect on their work.
Assessment?
The real show of successfulness of this project is to get new generation butterflies created in our own classroom.