

## Supporting the Five Practices in the Library

### Read, Talk

#### Bookworms: The Very Hungry Caterpillar

#### Read book

#### Small group discussions

Have you ever eaten so much it made you sick? If so, what was it? Do you still like the food? If not, is there any food you like enough to eat that much of?

Check online for more sample questions?

Group Sharing

**Read again, sequencing activity.** Each child gets a long piece of yarn to represent the caterpillar, and one print out of each food with a hole punched in it. As I read, kids will put the foods on the yarn in order that the caterpillar eats it.

**Charting activity** – Chart of foods in book. Each child is given a post-it with their name on it, they put it next to their favorite food. Discuss results – which food has the most names by it? Which has the least?

**Non-fiction book about caterpillars/butterflies** – **From Caterpillar to Butterfly** by Anita Ganeri. This book focuses on the Monarch Butterfly, which is native to our area!

#### Parent-child caterpillar activity (I played classical music appropriate to the activity)

- Child is an egg – curl up tight. (Lay out food while children are eggs?)
- Sun is warm, time to hatch! Push your way out of your egg!
- Grrrr, hear that? It's your stomach growling! You're hungry! What do you want to eat? Take foods that you want to eat to your grown up! (I spread out lots of pictures of food around the room while kids were in their eggs. Could also use play food if you have and have enough.)
- Are you full yet? Oh no, you ate too much! Your tummy's upset!
- Now you're getting sleepy. Let your grown up wrap you up in crepe paper. This is your cocoon. (Make sure you do a good job, parents!)
- Now we have to sit here for 2 ½ weeks...
- Just kidding. You're a quick changer. You're ready to break out of your cocoon.
- You're a butterfly! Fly around the room! (Have fun, upbeat, fluttery music on. Use ribbons as wings.)