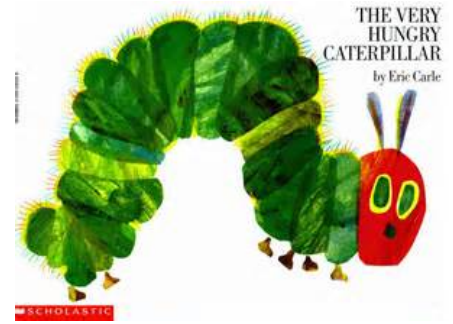


The **Very** Hungry Caterpillar

Literacy Activities



The Very Hungry Caterpillar is a children's picture book illustrated and written by Eric Carle in 1969. It features a caterpillar who eats its way through a wide variety of food before going into a cocoon and emerging as a butterfly. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* uses distinctive collage illustrations with 'eaten' holes in the pages and simple text with educational themes that include counting, the days of the week, foods, and a butterfly's life stages. It has been described as "one of the greatest childhood classics of all time."



Ziploc Baggie Caterpillar

Print caterpillar story pieces from the listed website below and laminate the pieces to make them more durable. If you don't have access to a laminator print the file on cardstock. Cut out all of the pieces, including the holes for the mouth and the stomach. Tape the caterpillar onto a sandwich sized Ziploc bag and cut an opening in one side of the bag for the mouth. Nice and simple and ready to play with! You can use this in conjunction with the book or on it's own to see if your child can retell the story. In order, slip each piece of food into the caterpillar's mouth and you will see it in his belly. Too cute!

<http://teachingheart.net/blog/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/caterpillarziploc1.pdf>

I Spy Bottle

Print 2 sets of picture cards from the website. Glue one set back to back to create a search & find page and cut the other set apart into pieces. In a small plastic bottle mix together the cut out story pieces with rice and attach the search & find page to it with string. You could laminate the page and pieces to make it more durable.

<http://www.makinglearningfun.com/themepages/VeryHungryCaterpillar-ClankCan.htm>



Caterpillar Hopscotch

Cut out a number of circles out of coloured construction paper. On one circle draw the caterpillars face and on the remainder numbers with the written word (1 one). Place them on the floor and hop from one to the other while counting.



Alphabet Letter Match

Cut out 53 circles; draw a caterpillar face on one then print out a set of upper case and lower case letters. Inside a file folder glue the caterpillar head at the top left hand corner then the upper case letters in order going from left to right down the file folder. Use the lower case letters for matching to the upper case letters in the file folder.

Balloon Painting

Using a partially inflated balloon dip the rounded side into the paint then lightly press it onto the paper to create painted circles. You could use red and green paint to make the Hungry Caterpillar as shown below.



Caterpillar Literacy Activity Websites

<http://www.1plus1plus1equals1.com/TheVeryHungryCaterpillar.html>

http://www.homeschoolshare.com/very_hungry_caterpillar.php

<http://www.makinglearningfun.com/themepages/HungryCaterpillarPrintables.htm>

<http://www.sparklebox.co.uk/literacy/stories/hungry-caterpillar.html>



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