

Dear Parents,

The storybook unit for this month will be *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. Many of you may be familiar with this book. It is a favorite of young children and offers the opportunity to present many learning concepts as well as enjoyment. As the caterpillar eats his way through a variety of food, your child will be learning all about counting, food, days of the week, and the life cycle of a caterpillar.



Listed on the following pages are some of the goals and objectives that we will be striving to meet as we read about the caterpillar and all the different kinds of food it finds.

The activities and creations that your child will be bringing to you in the next few weeks will relate to the objectives listed on the following pages. Please keep in mind that your child is not expected to complete every one of these objectives. We focus on individual needs and will select the goals that are most appropriate for your child.



At - A - Glance
Vocabulary and Teachable Concepts



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caterpillar	oranges	lollipop	butterfly
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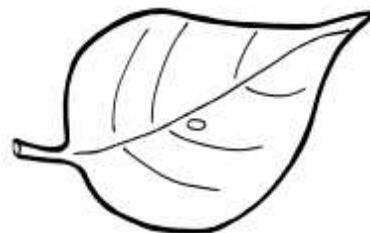
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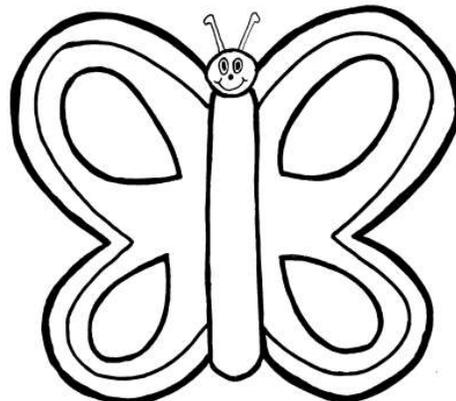
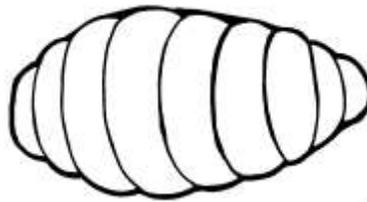
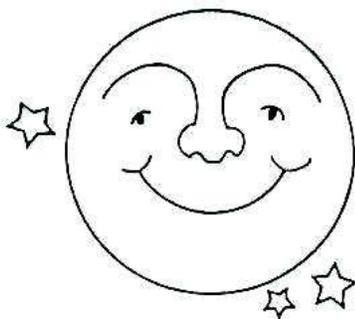
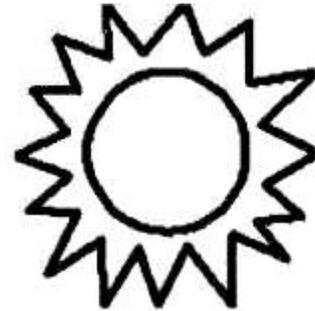
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3. Answer who, what, and where questions:

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4. Use the plurals of common words by adding an "S".

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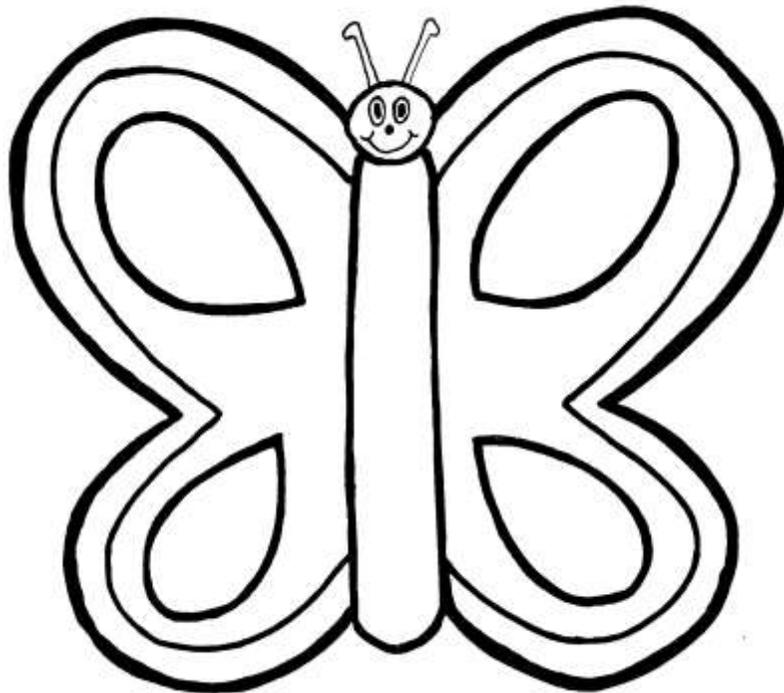
11. _____ Point to _____ Name objects that are pictured in the story:

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cocoon	moon	apple	orange	cheese
sausage	butterfly	leaf	pear	cake
salami	cupcake	egg	plum	ice-cream
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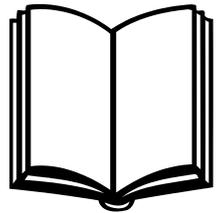


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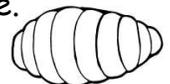


3. _____ Match _____ Sort _____ Point to _____ Name these colors:

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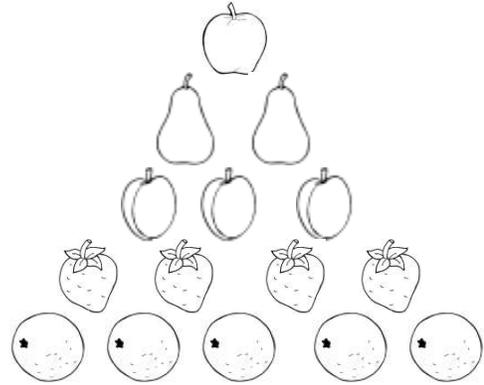
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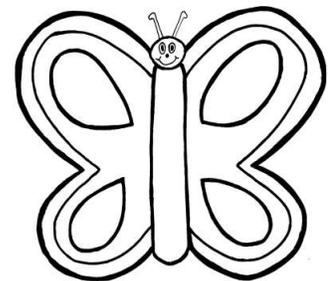
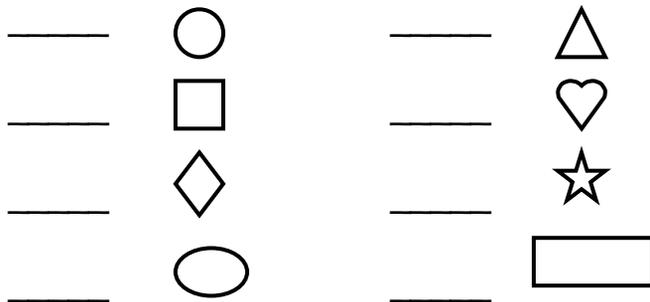
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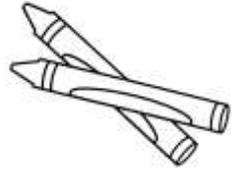


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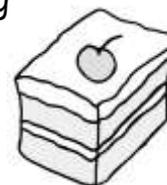
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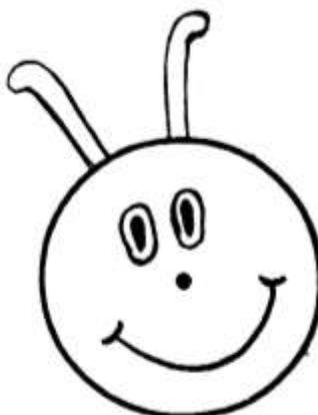
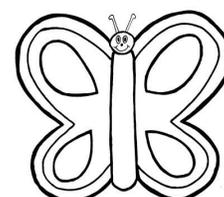
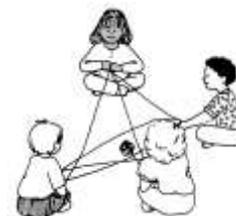


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butterflies and it is now time to complete our unit for this month. Today your child is bringing home several activities that we have created throughout this unit. Your child has worked very hard on these projects and is eager to share them with you. Please take time to talk with your child about the activities, pictures or projects that you will find in the envelope.

Also in this packet is the same book that we have read today at school. Many of the words, phrases and illustrations are familiar to your child. Read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* together and enjoy!

Here are the goals and objectives that pertain to this particular unit with an overview of the progress that your child has made. Please note that your child was not expected to achieve each of these goals. The objectives that were not attempted are indicated by the number 5.

Rating Scale

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2. - Significant progress
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5. - Not attempted



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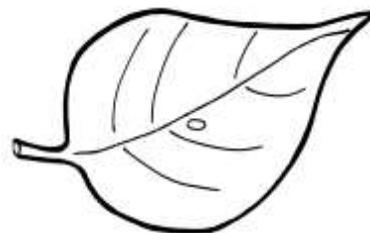
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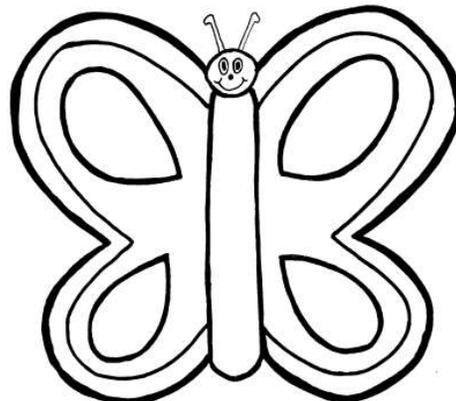
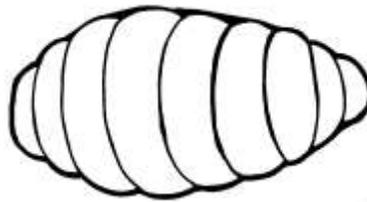
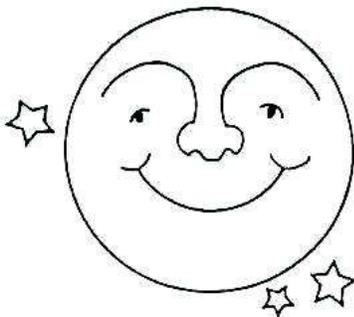
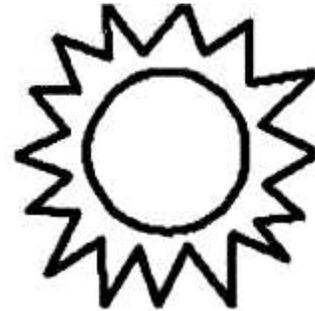
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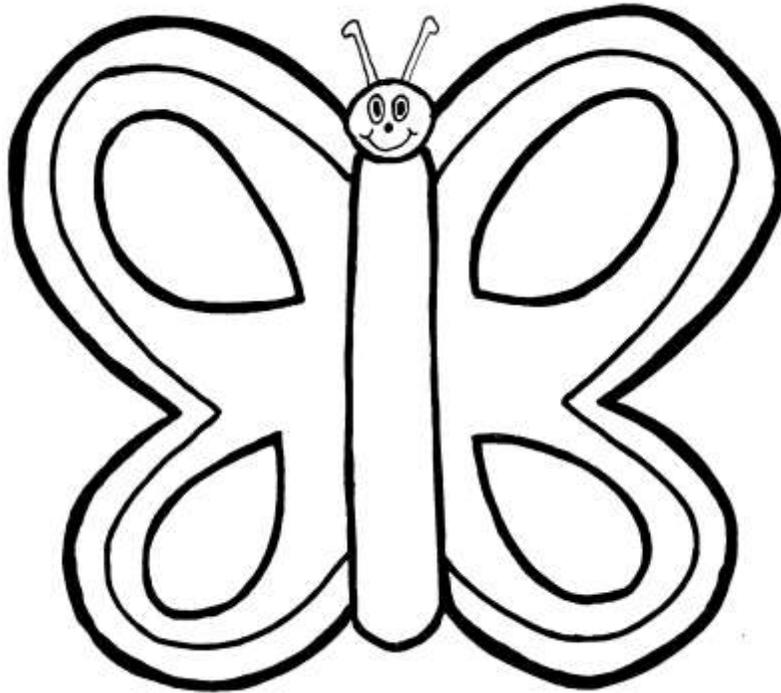
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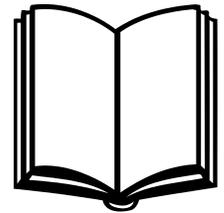
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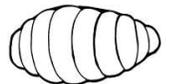


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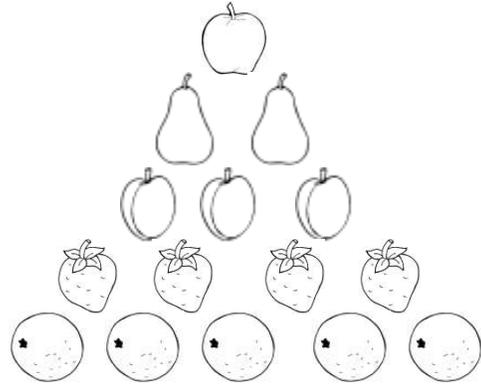
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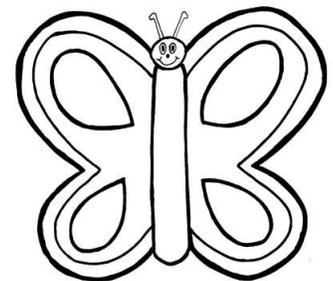
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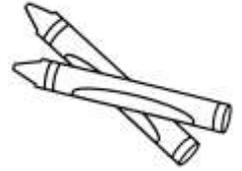


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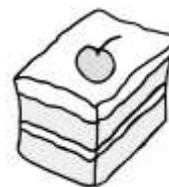
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