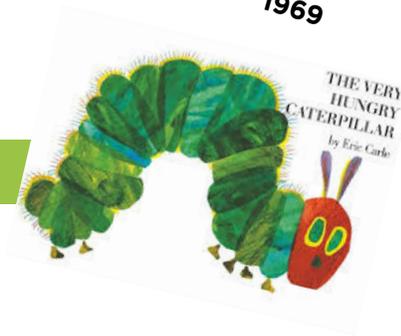


The Very Hungry Caterpillar



READ ALOUD

Themes: Days of the Week, Life Cycles, Transformation

Author:

Eric Carle

Book Brief: Through simple text and vibrant collage illustrations, a hungry caterpillar eats his way through the days of the week before transforming into a beautiful butterfly.

Illustrator:

Eric Carle

BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [vocabulary guide](#).

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about the caterpillar.

Purpose for Reading: Tell students, “As we read today, pay attention to the order of events in the caterpillar’s week and what happens to him at the end of the story.”

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, “Have you ever seen a caterpillar before? What do you think caterpillars like to eat?”

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- How do you think the caterpillar felt after eating all that food? What makes you think that?
- Why do you think the caterpillar ate the nice green leaf after eating all that other food?
- The caterpillar built a house called a cocoon around itself. What do you think might happen next?



Think Aloud: “On Saturday he ate SO much food that he got a stomachache! Then he ate a green leaf and felt better. After that, he built a cocoon and stayed inside. I wonder what will happen next?”

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: “Now that we’ve finished the story, can you help me remember what happened to the caterpillar in order? What did he do first, next, and last?”

Extending Our Thinking: Have students use [RIF’s Writing Template](#) to write and draw what happened to the caterpillar on a day of their choice.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more titles by Eric Carle:
 - [Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?](#) (1967)
 - [From Head to Toe](#) (1997)
 - [Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See?](#) (2003)