

Introduction!

Stories **on** Stage

Hey, what you got there? S.O.S.
S.O.S.? What's that? Stories on Stage.
What's Stories on Stage? Sit back and listen.

There's your SOS and our SOS, too.
We heard your SOS that grew and grew.
Make reading fun. Make reading fun.
Our SOS makes reading fun for everyone.
Play your way from A to Z. Reading is fun today. You'll see.
Language has rhythm. Language has beat...
like clapping hands or tapping feet.
Make the words on the page just move.
Now that you're reading, you're in the groove!
Play your way from A to Z. Reading is fun today. You'll see.
Reading is fun for everyone!
So go grab a book and have some fun...
Turn the page...turn the page...turn the page...



Malinda Martha Meets *Mariposa*

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Hello, hello, hello.

Hello (Actor's name). Hello (Actor's name).

I'm_____. I'm_____. And you're THE AUDIENCE.

You're a good quiet-as-a-mouse audience.

We're here because we, AND YOU, have IMAGINATION.

For learning.

You can start anywhere and see where it takes you.

So...welcome...

♪ Caterpillar Chew Chew ♪

(Sung to the tune of The Chattanooga Choo Choo)

Welcome aboard, it is the caterpillar chew chew,
habitat bound, the Monarch wintering ground.
Munch milkweed leaves, aboard the Caterpillar Chew Chew,
you'll get your share...of munching there.

We said goodbye to Canada in chilly October.
Migration destination down to warm California,
Wriggle from your old skin, 'til you're shimmerin',
in the chrysalis you'll be resting in.

Take a nap and dream of antennae and wings.
You're about to know the wonder that flying brings.
Snuggle in your own tree, all safe and sound.

Metamorphosis is a-comin' around.

Fly to Pismo with Mary, Maggie, Marco, and Moe,
You'll all be the trim...on a eucalyptus limb.

You'll fall in love...and lest your caterpillar babies roam,
Yeah...the Caterpillar Chew Chew will just chew chew them home.
Hey! Caterpillar Chew Chew, won't you chew chew them home.

What a ride.

I was the caterpillar.

I was Marco Monarch.

Imagination!

I know someone who is VERY imaginative. Kids everywhere can meet her because she's a character in a book.

What's her name?

She's Malinda Martha in MALINDA MARTHA MEETS MARIPOSA. She's in a lot of other books, too.

There's a real Malinda Martha.

Wow, she has a character named after her!

Malinda Martha has a big imagination.

Malinda Martha, in the story, has a BIG imagination.

I have imagination!

I bet everyone has imagination. Like Malinda Martha!

What does she imagine?

Malinda Martha's teacher asks the class to write a story about summer vacation, and Malinda Martha begins daydreaming about the sunflower garden she planted during the summer...when all of a sudden, the sunflowers burst into a curtain of faces on the backyard stage (that's what she imagines).

That's imagination.

AND...she imagines directing a play about the metamorphosis of a Monarch butterfly.

Time for the story: Please read the book OR listen and read along on the CD.

What did YOU like imagining best?

...that I was riding on the Caterpillar Chew Chew.

And munching milkweed leaves?

Those milkweed leaves were delicious!

I think metamorphosis is cool.

You mean changing?

Yes, changing...into a Monarch butterfly.

It COULD happen...IN YOUR IMAGINATION!

Caterpillar Capers Song 🎵 Lyrics available in My Activity Book.

Readers' Theater: Script available in Stories on Stage booklet of scripts of My Activity Book.



CHOREOGRAPHY - Train Dance

Caterpillar Chew Chew



(Train Dance: “Bunny Hop” style—line up in a train. Teacher is the leader. Students put their hands on the shoulders of the person in front of them. Start with right leg, extend out, then bring back. Then left leg, extend out, then bring back. Head tilts from side to side, with each leg extension. Can go around the perimeter of classroom or auditorium, or even weave up and down the desk rows.)

(Start the train)

Welcome aboard! It is the caterpillar chew chew

Habitat bound, the Monarch wintering ground.

Munch milkweed leaves, aboard the Caterpillar Chew Chew

You’ll get your share, of growing and munching there. (stop the train)

(Stand in place, keeping rhythm with knee bends)

We said goodbye to Canada (wave goodbye)

In chilly October (shiver, with arms cradled, “brrr”)

Migration destination down to warm California (“wipe” forehead of imaginary sweat)

Wriggle from your old skin ‘til you’re shimmerin’ (wiggle the way they want to)

In the chrysalis you’ll be resting in (place cheek on hands, tipping head down toward the side, close eyes to “sleep”)

Take a nap and dream about antennae and wings (continue "sleeping")

You're about to know the wonder that flying brings (knee bends while "sleeping", start smiling)

Snuggle in your own tree, all safe and sound (with hands in a rolling muffler motion, stoop down into a little capsule...)

Metamorphosis is a-comin' around. (...then stand upright and extend arms up into a "Ta DA" type of stretch, and start your arms flying)

Fly to Pismo, with Mary, Maggie, Marco & Mo (start the train dance again, this time with your arms flying instead of arms on person in front)

You'll be all the trim on a eucalyptus limb (stop train)

You'll fall in love (put hands over heart)

and let your caterpillar babies roam (with one hand or alternating hands, hand-wrist movement like a worm, up and down, across from right to left)

Yeah...the Caterpillar Chew-Chew will just chew-chew them home (resume train)

Hey! Caterpillar chew-chew, won't you chew-chew them home! (keep the train dance going until end of song)

