



Tie Dye Butterflies

About:

Spring is officially here! Trees are budding, animals are awake, and insects will soon be upon us. One way to celebrate spring is by making these easy tie dye butterflies using materials found around the house.

Objective:

To use Social Emotional Development to learn more about butterflies while creating fun, colorful tie dye butterflies.

Age: K-5

Expected time: 45 minutes

Building Your Edible Campfire

- 1. Gather and separate the following supplies for each participant**
 - a. Paper Towel- several sheets per participant
 - b. Coffee Filter
 - c. Clothes Pin
 - d. Markers
 - e. Cup of Water
 - f. Paper/Newspaper (used to put under coffee filter)
- 2. Before you begin, share some fun facts about butterflies!**
(<https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/animals/butterfly.html>)
 - a. Butterflies are insects
 - b. There are four parts in a butterfly's life cycle: egg, larva (caterpillar), pupa (chrysalis), and adult
 - c. Most caterpillars are plant eaters (herbivores)
 - d. Butterflies have four wings
 - e. Butterflies have taste receptors on their feet
 - f. Most butterflies feed on nectar from flowers

3. Make Your Butterfly

- a. Place your coffee filter on top of a piece of paper/newspaper
- b. Color your butterfly with as many colors as you want
- c. Place the colored coffee filter on two-three sheets of paper towel
- d. Using the cup of water, sprinkle a few drops at a time onto your coffee filter until every part is wet
 - i. Let it dry
- e. While you're waiting for your coffee filter to dry, feel free to decorate your clothespin with eyes, a smile, a butterfly body





- f. Once the coffee filter is dry, crinkle it up to the middle and open the clothespin into the center
- g. Fluff out the wings, and your butterfly is done!

Wrap Up:

- What did you learn?
- What was your favorite part of this activity?
- How could you make the butterfly look more realistic?