

CATERPILLARS

Objectives: Learn random facts about caterpillars

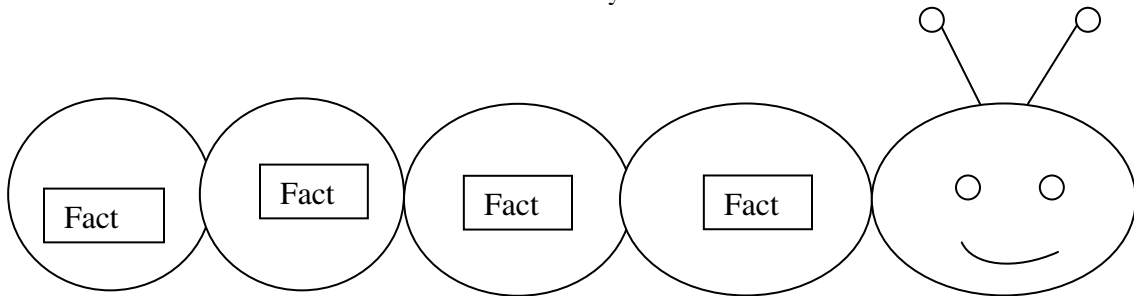
Materials:

scissors,
glue,
markers
construction paper,
paper caterpillar with facts (see below)
googly eyes
antennas made out of paper

Introduction of Caterpillars: 10 to 15 minutes

Introduce the topic and ask if anyone has seen or knows anything about caterpillars. Make a paper caterpillar to share facts about caterpillars.

- Cut out different colored circles and use them for the body of the caterpillar.
- Write a different fact on every circle
- Lay circles out one at a time, forming the body of a caterpillar while talking about the facts
- Make a head with antennas and eyes

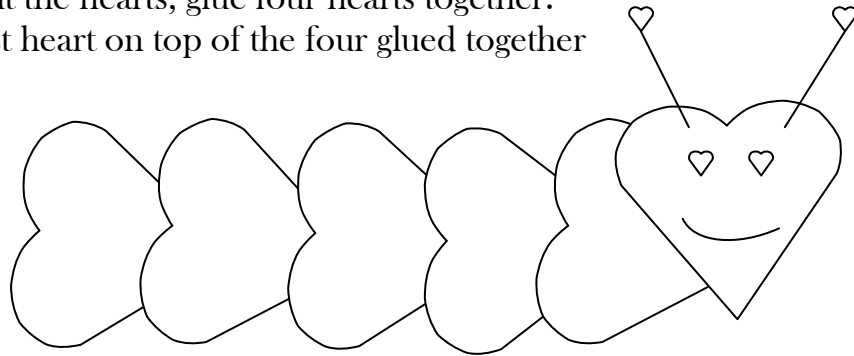


Craft: 20 minutes

Children make caterpillar valentines

- Drawn hearts on construction paper to be made pre-construction

- Each youth will need 5 hearts.
- Cut out the hearts, glue four hearts together.
- Put last heart on top of the four glued together



Caterpillar Facts to Discuss and Use on the Caterpillar Display

Caterpillars have 4,000 muscles - 248 of which are in their head. Humans only have 629 muscles.

Some caterpillars eat as much as 27,000 times their body weight to support their lives as flying insects.

Most caterpillars may have 12 eyes, but they are primitive and can do little more than sense light and dark.

Many caterpillars can produce silk, which they can use to avoid predators (by hanging from branches) and which they use for protection (a cocoon).

Caterpillars do not have wings