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Hyde Students Nurture Monarch Butterflies



Second-grade teacher Sissy Jochmann and second-grader Dahlia Ivory prepare to release a Monarch butterfly into the wild.

Hyde Elementary second-grade students in Sissy Jochmann's and Marcia Welsh's classes witnessed the complete metamorphosis of Monarch butterflies this fall. Students learned about larvae, milkweed plants and seed pods as they observed each stage of development and created a flip booklet to document changes they observed in plastic cages.

Once an egg changed to a larvae and then to a chrysalis, it emerged as a butterfly and was released by the classes. Students also determined whether the creature is male or female and tracked its journey to Mexico after setting it free.