

LEARNING EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR *VIOLETT THE PINK BUTTERFLY*: SCIENCE, VISUAL ART, AND CREATIVE WRITING ACTIVITIES

SCIENCE-BASED ACTIVITIES:

- Violet's parents are blue morpho butterflies. Do some research about blue morpho butterflies and create a short report, or write 8-10 interesting facts that you have learned about these butterflies! You may want to find out information about where they live, what they eat, how big are they, how long they live, and so on.
- Draw a diagram and/or create a written description of the four life stages of a butterfly.
- What are the similarities and differences between a caterpillar and a butterfly? Make a compare-contrast chart that lists or explains these similarities and differences.
- Which species of butterflies are pink, or have some amount of pink color on their wings? Why do you think it is unusual for butterflies to have pink color on their wings?

VISUAL ART ACTIVITIES:

- Create your own illustrations! Read through or listen to *Violet the Pink Butterfly* again, then create your own drawings or paintings to go along with the story! You may want to use colored markers, colored pencils, acrylic or watercolor paints, stickers, pencils, and more – be creative!
- Make art using re-purposed materials! Take a look at your recycling bin, and see what kinds of materials you can use to create art to illustrate some of the scenes in *Violet the Pink Butterfly*! You might want to make a butterfly by using an empty toilet paper roll for the body, then adding construction paper wings to the body with glue. Or make a diorama featuring a scene from the story by using an empty cardboard box or shoebox, and other materials from your recycling bin!

LANGUAGE ARTS / CREATIVE WRITING ACTIVITIES:

- Write a short story connected with one of the major themes from *Violet the Pink Butterfly*! Violet is a groundbreaking butterfly who overcomes negative comments about her appearance, finds a new way to salsa dance with unique fluttery dance moves, and opens doors for others in the arts! Consider writing a creative short story about someone who overcomes criticism to become

successful, or a story about someone who creates or does something new in the arts (like developing a new invention or a new artistic technique).

- Create a poem about butterflies! You may want to write an acrostic poem, like the example shown below (each line describes something about butterflies and begins with a letter from the word “BUTTERFLIES”). Or write a poem using another kind of format!

BUTTERFLIES! (acrostic poem sample):

Beautiful
Uplifting
Terrific
Twisting and twirling
Entertaining
Really colorful
Fluttering
Lovely
Interesting
Engaging
Sensational!