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GRAB N' GO ACTIVITY:
Butterfly Feeder

OVERVIEW:

This is a great activity for the classroom. You can turn it into an experiment/observation activity by using different foods and having the kids keep a log of how many butterflies they see come to the feeders.

MATERIALS:

- Paper/Plastic Plate
- String or Stick/Pole
- Hole Punch
- Over ripe fruit

EXTRA FUN:

Try the experiment using different types of plates (colourful ones, plastic, paper, patterned, etc). See which ones attract more butterflies. Or use different fruits to see what butterflies like to eat more. You could even do both!



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Ages: 5 - 13

Time: 20 - 30 minutes

PROCEDURE:

- Step 1.** Give two plates to each child. Have them decorate either both or one of the plates with colours or stickers.
- Step 2.** Hole punch the sides of the plate (4 holes - top, bottom, sides). Or, stick a pole/stick through the centre of the plate (must be long enough and strong enough to stick in the ground).
- Step 3.** If you used string, tie the string through each hole, then tie them at the top (should look like an upside down parachute).
- Step 4.** Go outside and hang your feeder next to some flowers, or put your feeder up by sticking one end of the stick/pole into the ground leaving the other end with your feeder up in the air.
- Step 5.** Put your fruit on the plates. Try doing different fruit on each plate to see which ones the butterflies like the most.
- Step 6.** Have the children record in a log book how many butterflies they see each day at the feeder (leave the feeders up for a couple of days). At the end of the experiment do a tally from everyone so that you will know what attracts butterflies the best!