



Butterfly Watch 2020

Lenten Butterfly Picture Journal
First Presbyterian Church Children's Ministry



Painted Lady Butterfly

Life Cycle:

1. Egg
2. Larva
3. Chrysalis
4. Butterfly

Meet Jif. I named my caterpillar/soon-to-be *butterfly* that because JIF is my favorite peanut- *butter!*



Here Jif is enjoying a little caterpillar delicacy. He has to eat up and store some nutrients for when he is a chrysalis.



Fun Fact

Caterpillars are shipped when they are ~1/4" long. They continue to grow for ~ 12-18 days.

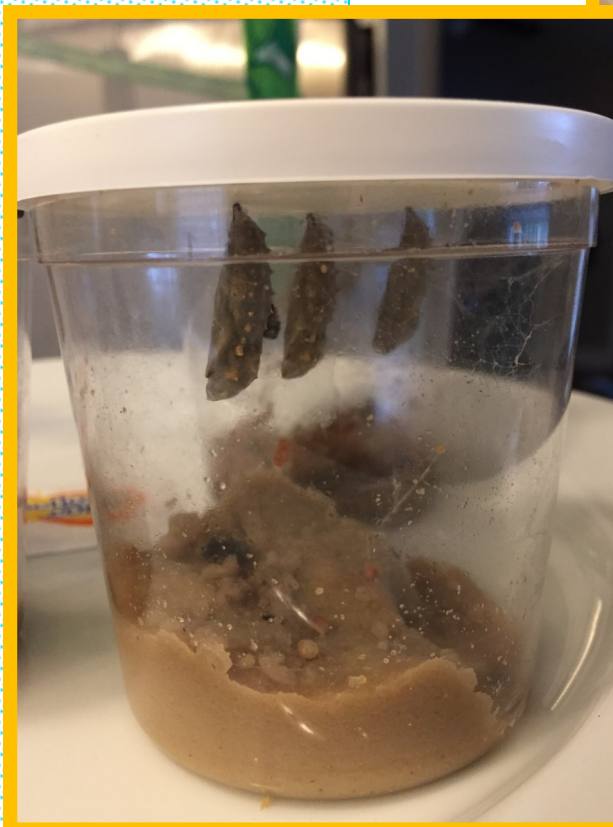


When Jif had enough to eat he started crawling towards the lid of his temporary home.

He attached himself to the lid with a web-like thread.



He hung there for a day and then started to change color and shape. Can you see the pretty gold spots along his sides and that of his brother and sister?



Fun Fact The Butterfly will remain a chrysalis for ~10 days.



This will be Jif's new home now that he is a chrysalis. He needs to be inside a container that has air holes, plenty of space to fly, and...is protected from curious cats, like Allie!



I was able to move most of the chrysalis from the cups to the habitat without any trouble.

I carefully removed the lids from the cups and taped the lid on to the underside of the habitat roof.

Just one problem...



These two made it to the lid of their cup, changed into a chrysalis, but then fell off and landed in the bottom of the cup!

Don't worry it's nothing a little glue can't fix...seriously, I just added a dot near what looks like their *nose* and let it dry.



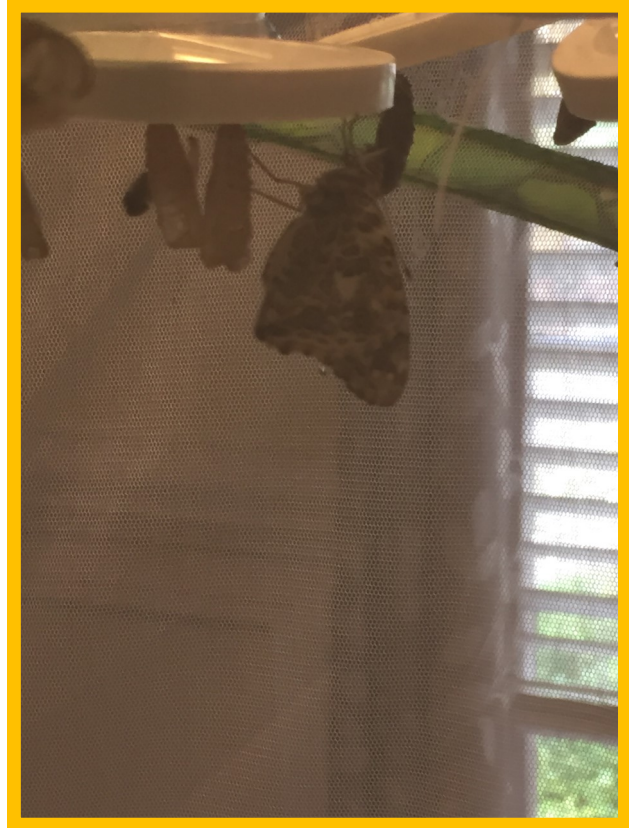
As soon as I see the chrysalis are attached to their lids, I move them to the habitat.

Hanging is important when it is time for their wings to sprout.





I watched as the Chrysalises were very, very still. Then I saw Jif wiggle and a wing sprang out. Now look at him. He's hanging upside down to stretch out both of his wings.



Finally when he feels strong enough he takes his first few steps. So I have brought him a branch and some orange slices to enjoy.

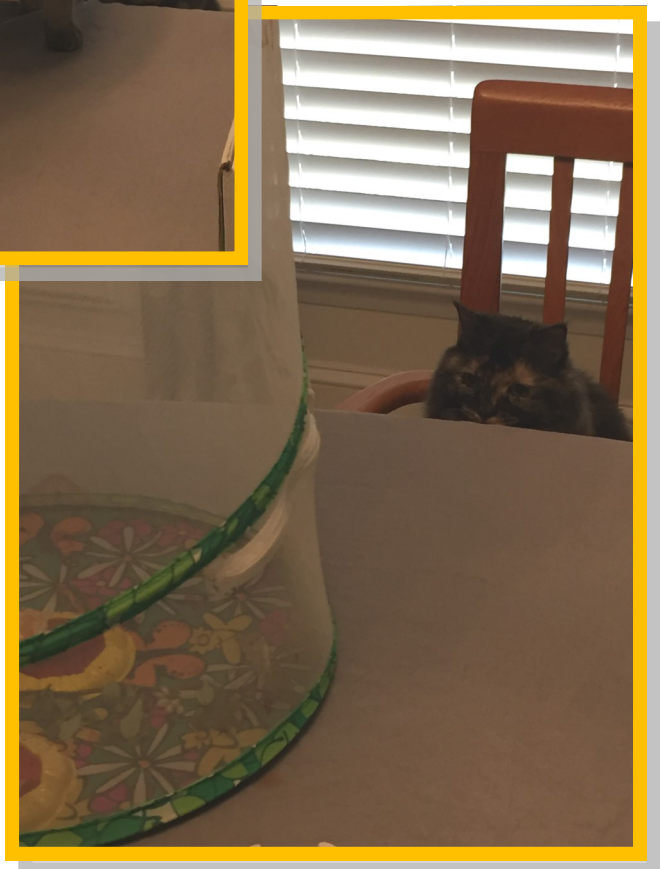
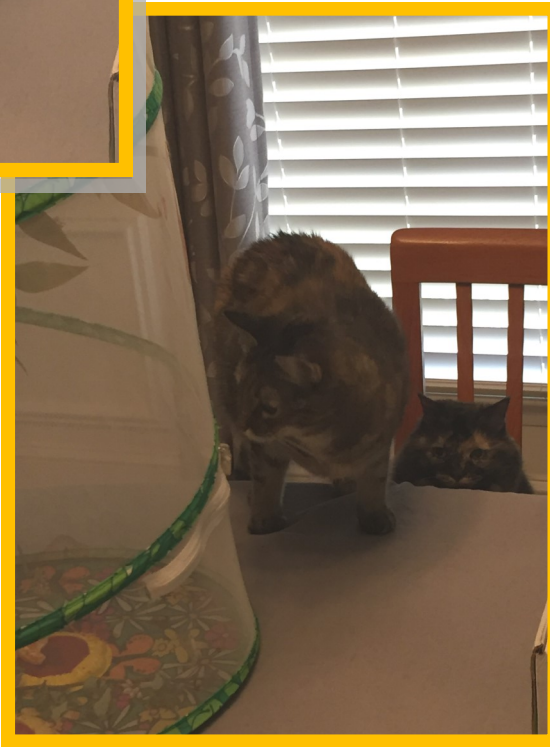


Fun Fact There are at least 17,500 species of butterflies found in the world, with **750** species in the U.S.



So it seems, I was not the only one interested in watching Jif and his brothers and sisters...Allie is back! And Kiki has joined her.

The butterflies have their attention as they fly around the habitat.



When Allie gives up, Kiki stays and keeps watch over the habitat.

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Left: Evie Signet, working on her Butterfly Habitat.



Right: The Fox Family watching their butterfly change.



Landon Raygor is about to move his chrysalis from the cup to his habitat.



The Walkers are watching their butterflies enjoy some oranges.