

Letter to Families

Dear Families:

We have been learning about the Monarch Butterfly in class. We have learned that the Monarch Butterfly is in danger of becoming extinct. The Monarch Butterfly lays its eggs only on the milkweed plant because the caterpillar (larvae) of the monarch butterfly eats only milkweed leaves. Milkweed used to grow wild in our area, but because of development, the use of herbicides, and other harsh chemicals, the amount of milkweed is diminishing. In order for the Monarch Butterfly to continue to live in our area of the country, we need to make sure there are enough milkweed plants to support them. Our class would like to plant milkweed plants near our homes. We need your help to do this. Your child will bring home a milkweed plant if you agree to plant it. The plants need plenty of sun and very little care. They may need some watering the first couple of weeks after planting. Other than that, just watch them grow and watch for the Monarch caterpillar, which is smooth-skinned, yellow, black and white striped. Thank you for your help in Saving the Monarch Butterfly.

Sincerely,

Yes, I would be glad to plant a milkweed plant near my home.

Signed _____

