

CAN'T CATCH A BUTTERFLY PROGRAM PLAN

Come along and capture the fun with local children's author Michelle Zimmerman as she leads youngsters on a highly interactive one hour butterfly adventure! Michelle's program is an uplifting, animated, and engaging presentation loaded with colorful props and movement activities. Preschoolers will "fly" to Michelle's event which usually takes place in a large space like an unused classroom, a multipurpose room or a gym. On a nice day, children flutter outside to the playground or open grassy area for the featured butterfly hunt! A fifteen minute break is required in between multiple programs. Butterfly wings are available for children to wear during the program. **Limit of 30 children per program**

1. Reading of Michelle's book, *Can't Catch a Butterfly*: (Exciting questions following reading)
2. Big Felt Board Activity: Exact image of landscape scene in the story. Children help Michelle place butterflies in different locations (spatial directions-vocabulary).
3. Butterfly Songs: Children participate with motor movements (performance). Butterfly finger puppets provided.
4. Butterfly/Parachute Game: Children bounce inflatable butterflies on a rainbow parachute while singing a butterfly song (Audience Participation/Fun!).
5. Butterfly Hunt: Colorful paper butterflies are scattered around an open indoor area. The butterfly hunt takes place outside on a nice day. Each child is instructed to go and find a specified number of butterflies. Children may take their butterflies home. Nets are provided.
6. "What's in My Pot of Gold...Can It Be Told?": Children will be all aflutter as they guess what's in Michelle's pot of gold. Silly rainbow items inside! (Answering questions-Audience Participation) "Rainbow Friends" come up to the front to join Rainbow Star Michelle.
7. Rainbow Star Wishes: Michelle waves her rainbow star wand and sends out "rainbow star wishes". She presents a rainbow sticker to each child from her pot of gold.

*****Personalized autographed copy of Michelle's Book** (A letter and purchase order form is sent home to parents letting them know of the upcoming author event. They may have the opportunity to purchase *Can't Catch a Butterfly* at a discounted cost.) *This is optional.

OPTIONAL: Program features a 5 minute fascinating video clip from Michelle's trip to Central Mexico catching butterfly migration in all its splendor. The DVD features butterflies during the winter months...right before they fly back to the US. Thousands of butterflies surround her!!! Michelle talks during short video-clip. She explains/shows where the butterflies live, how they stay warm, where they get their food and much more(children love this segment).

TEACHERS: Additional activities for *Can't Catch a Butterfly* include learning and coloring sheets. You may download these forms from my website at "Kid's Corner" (www.rainbowstarbooks.com).

