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The students in Shannon Putnam's first grade class at Center learned all about changes, growth, and letting go recently, as the class watched a group of butterflies grow, mature and then freed.

The class watched as butterflies travelled through their life cycle from larva, pupa, and finally adults. The class this year had the Painted Lady variety of butterflies, and studied the life cycle and butterflies as they developed.

"We learned some butterflies are poisonous," said Putnam. "We didn't know that! And some butterflies taste with their feet!"

Putnam said it was a tad chilly outside and the "day of freedom" when the class set the butterflies free. But that didn't deter the students or dampen their spirits as the butterflies flew away.

"The first one we called 'Lucky'," she said. Seems the Lucky was knocked a bit as a chrysalis, but was the first butterfly to hatch. It only seemed natural that he should be the first to experience freedom.

Photo Above: Students in Shannon Putnam's first grade watched as butterflies grew and were then ready to be set free. The students learned about the cycle of life and some interesting facts about butterflies. (Photo by Shannon Putnam ... Thanks, Mrs. Putnam!)

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