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**"The Magical Migration Adventure"**

**Audience: Grades K-3**

## **Focus:**

Fostering reading, writing, and artistic expression through the use of Common Core State Standards is essential at an early age. Keeping that in mind, here we have a story about a topic that is naturally interesting and exciting to this age group and directly connected to the state standards as well—the monarch life cycle and migration. Students become engaged in the story because it is about a young boy and his family, while learning about the science of butterflies along with Jake.

## **Suggested Duration:**

1-3 days

## **Common Core State Standards**

### **Addressed:**

**Kindergarten:** CC.K.RL.1, 2, 3 and 10

**1<sup>st</sup> grade:** CC.1.RL.1, 2, 3, 4 and 10

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade:** CC.2.RL.1, 2, 3 and 5; CC.2.W.1, 4, 5 and 7; CC.2.SL.2, 3, 4 and 6; CC.2.L.1.e; CC.2.L.5.a and b; CC.2.L.6

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** CC.3.RL.1, 2 and 3; CC.3.W.3, 4 and 5; CC.3.SL.1, 2, 3, 4 and 6; CC.3.L.3.a; CC.3.L.5.b; CC.3.L.6

## **Lesson/Activity:**

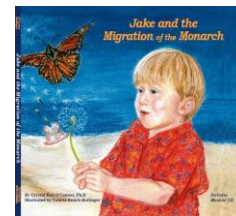
The program for early age elementary grades is based on the book Jake and the Migration of the Monarch. Through an author discussion of the process of writing a book, followed by a musical story reading, and then an interactive skit about monarch butterfly migration, students are actively engaged in reading and writing across content areas. Enriching presentations help students strengthen real life connections between literature, science and the arts. Combining this technique with integrating Common Core State Standards, students will learn about the writing process and how to successfully organize a piece of writing. Other essential skills students will learn are how to describe characters in terms of physical, sensory descriptions, as well as in terms of character traits.

*\*For K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade an author visit is the most beneficial experience*

*\*The writing residency is more beneficial for grades 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>*

## **For the Teachers:**

Early elementary grade teachers will receive professional development using cross-curricular enrichment activities to emphasize writing based on the Common Core State Standards along with the support of The 6 Traits of Writing to enhance student writing. In addition, teachers will learn how to engage students in the arts and science using the Life Cycle Role Play and the Monarch Migration Game.



## **Supporting Material:**

Jake and the Migration of the Monarch, a read along music CD in English and Spanish, Common Core State Standards-based teacher guides and enrichment activities, and references for supporting informational text to use in the classroom.

*"I have taught young children for more than 30 years and this program is the best one that I have ever seen. None of us wanted to leave when our program time was over." Sara Doolittle, Simpsonville Elementary*



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