

Museum Stories February 10, 2021



James McDonald Hart, *View Among the Helderbergs, Catskills in the Distance*, c. 1850, Oil on board, New-York Historical Society, Gift of DeWitt M. Lockman, 1927.10

This week, Museum Stories flutters and creeps through a peaceful landscape. Take a few minutes to watch the short video.

LOOK

Look at this picture and pretend that you can walk inside this landscape. Imagine the feel of the soft grass. Look at the different trees and name all the colors of the leaves. Find the stream. What might the water feel like? Can you imagine fish swimming in the water? What other living creatures might be in this picture? Bugs, squirrels, ducks, butterflies?

READ

This week, the book recommendation is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. This classic book teaches the basic life cycle of a butterfly. It also teaches the days of the week while using colorful images that add interest as you turn each page. Help your child identify the fruits on each page and count them together to create an interactive experience. Take a few minutes to read this story, or another book about insects.

MAKE

Follow along with the video for instructions on how to make a heartfelt butterfly for Valentine's Day!

VBMA educators created this lesson plan.