

Dear Families,

Your child explored animal life cycles and biodiversity by studying beetles during a recent field trip to the Missoula Butterfly House & Insectarium. We saw lots of beetles from around the world. Did you

know that there are more species of beetles than there are

species of birds, mammals, reptiles, and fish combined? You can

keep the learning going at home by wondering aloud about how many different species of animals might call your neighborhood home. Try

going on a walk and challenging your child to spot beetles or other examples of biodiversity. You can use the nature journal on the back of

this letter to document your findings.



From your friends at the Missoula Butterfly House!

**Vocabulary Used:** Lifecycle, habitat, biodiversity, habitat, larva, pupa, metamorphosis

*The coolest beetle I saw on the field trip:*

Name it:

**Draw and Label it:**

What clues can you include in your picture to make sure we know that this is a beetle, and not some other bug?

SHARING the little things that run the world.

# What's Buzzin' Nature Journal

Studying bugs in your own backyard.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: Warm Hot Cool Cold Sunny Cloudy Windy Rainy  
*Circle all of today's weather conditions.*

Draw a beetle you've spotted:

Describe your beetle, how do you **know** it is a beetle?

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**More Resources Can be Found Online:** [missoulabutterflyhouse.org/teacher-resources](http://missoulabutterflyhouse.org/teacher-resources)