

“The Caterpillar Project”

On a cold December morning I was in our staff room trying to organise the pages for the small booklet we had prepared with my second graders, based on Eric Carle’s book ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar.’ I was trying to figure out what sort of cover would be the most appropriate for our booklet when Maria Louvari, our Art teacher, entered the room and sat right next to me. I thought that a professional opinion could be the answer to my problem, so I asked her if she had any suitable suggestions. ‘What a coincidence!’ she exclaimed. ‘I am currently working on the theme of leaves and how they change throughout the seasons. Would you like to use the students’ own drawings in order to give a more personal touch to your final product?’ The green leaf served as a perfect background on Eric Carle’s book cover so I thought it was a fantastic idea. The students loved it, too. Pretty soon the book covers were ready and our little artists were really proud of their work. As I was reflecting on the end product of our mini cross curricular project, I thought that when something is based on mutual trust, support and cooperation, the results can be nothing but amazing.

