Butterfly Life-Cycle Mobile
(http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/butterfly/lifecyclemobile/)

Second Grade Core: Standard 3 Objective 1
Investigate relationships between plants and animals and how living things change during their lives; describe the life cycle of local plants and animals using diagrams and pictures.

Materials:

- Many colors of construction paper or gift wrap
- Pencils
- Scissors
- Yarn or string
- Glue sticks
- Sturdy paper plates
- Markers, crayons, or paint
- Stapler or tape

Procedure:

- Draw a spiral on the paper plate.
- Decorate the plate using markers, crayons, or paint.
- Using green construction paper, draw a leaf and cut it out. Either draw tiny butterfly eggs on it or glue on tiny paper circles (either cut them out or use a hole-punch to make some). A cluster of butterfly eggs are usually laid on the underside of a leaf; the eggs are white or yellow or greenish, and are circular to oval.
- Draw and cut out a caterpillar (the egg hatches into a caterpillar, which spends its entire time eating leaves). Decorate it.
- Draw and cut out a pupa (the stage during which the caterpillar makes a protective case around itself and turns into a butterfly). Decorate it.
- To make butterfly wings, fold a small piece of paper in half, and draw half a butterfly along the fold line.
- Using dark paper, make a body for your butterfly (it's basically a long oval with a circular head).
- Glue the body to the wings and decorate your butterfly.
- Staple or tape the stages in the butterfly’s life cycle to string and then to the paper plate.
- Attach another short length of string to the plate; it will be used to hang the mobile up.