April

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This month we read the book ***La Mariposa***by Francisco Jiménezand illustrated by Simón Silva. The story follows the school year of a young boy, Francisco, who has recently moved to the United States. In the story, Francisco is learning English as a second language and struggles in the classroom as he doesn’t understand his teacher or his classmates. He feels like an outsider and can only relate to the classroom’s caterpillar. Francisco sits and watches the caterpillar the entire day in order to escape from his reality. Over the course of the year, like the caterpillar, Francisco transforms and gains self-confidence.

**This month’s Dicho:** “The stronger your roots, the stronger your wings.”

**Ideas to reinforce the message at home:**

* Discuss ways to gain self-confidence.
* Talk about how to make others feel welcome and supported.
* Discuss the importance of feeling proud of our origins.

If you would like more information about our Los Dichos program or are interested in becoming a volunteer reader, please contact me or visit the Project Cornerstone website at [www.projectcornerstone.org](http://www.projectcornerstone.org).

Sincerely,

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