



## ACES Elementary NASA Butterflies in Space Program



ACES was one of ten Florida Elementary Schools selected to participate in an International Space Station life science experiment. The purpose of the experiment was to observe the life cycle and behavior of butterflies in microgravity. Students watched the development of the butterflies on the Space Shuttle Atlantis and at the same time observed their own butterflies' development in the school science lab. This enabled them to compare and contrast the development of the butterflies in space and on Earth. At the end of the project, ACES students held an outdoor ceremony to set the butterflies free.



ACES Painted Lady Butterflies- first images



Space Monarch Butterflies - first images



ACES ceremony to set the butterflies free

