



Students from The Pilgrim Academy's Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade look on as Sue Slotterback from the Cape May Nature Center measures and tags a monarch butterfly before releasing it to migrate to warmer climates. The tagging was part of an educational program titled "A Monarch's Eventful Journey: Making Connections One Schoolyard Habitat at a Time." During the program students learned about the lifecycle of the monarch, and its habitat needs along its migration to Mexico. Students were able to participate in a tagging demonstration and release of a live monarch as part of the Monarch Monitoring Project which conducts research on the migration patterns of the monarch.

New Jersey is one of the few places along the Eastern seaboard where spectators can witness the migration path of thousands of monarchs from Canada to the mountaintop forests of Mexico. After tagging their butterfly, classes can monitor the flight of their monarch by checking a website designed to record and chart the monarch's journey.

