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Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

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Wings Over the Playground

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A garden would help our school too. We could watch caterpillars change into butterflies right outside our window. Classes could draw the flowers, count the visitors, and write about what they see. We believe a garden would make recess calmer and more fun.

Here is how you can help. Please bring a packet of flower seeds to the front office by Friday. Milkweed, zinnia, and coneflower seeds are all welcome. Then come to our planting day next Saturday at ten o'clock. Bring gloves if you have them.

One small patch of dirt can become a home for many butterflies. Let's grow it together!

By the Second Grade News Team

1. Why did the news team write this piece?
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   to get readers to pull the weeds by the playground
   to tell a funny made-up story about a monarch

2. Which sentence shows the author wants readers to do something?
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3. Which sentence tells an opinion the writers hold?
   We believe a garden would make recess calmer and more fun.
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4. Why did the author include paragraph 2?
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   to explain how to plant milkweed seeds
   to describe the bare patch by the playground

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