Author's Purpose

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

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Wings Over the Playground

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Butterflies need flowers to live. They drink nectar, a sweet juice found inside many blooms. Monarch butterflies also lay their eggs only on milkweed plants. Their caterpillars munch the milkweed leaves as they grow. In many towns, milkweed is harder to find than it used to be.

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. Which detail helps the author show that a garden would help the school?
   - Monarch butterflies also lay their eggs only on milkweed plants in the garden.
   - Classes could draw the flowers, count the visitors, and write about what they see.
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3. Why does the piece end with "Let's grow it together!"?
   - to show that the news team will plant alone
   - to tell readers the garden is already done
   - to make readers feel like part of the team

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

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