

December 03, 2005 – Butterfly Farm

Today we went to visit Fort Lauderdale. This small city is just north of Miami. We drove there and visited the Butterfly Park. This nature park consists of several arboretums that housed various species of birds and butterflies. The entire park was quite interactive. In one arboretum, one butterfly landed on Newton and stayed there as Newton walked around (lucky him). Many of the kids found this quite entertaining and could not figure out why no butterflies landed on them. Adults that passed by Newton looked away purposefully, trying not to stare.



There was one room that had very tame parrots. One museum guide sold fruit drinks for feeding the birds. Newton bought one for Casy. Casy held the cup in her hand and three parrots jumped on top of her to get at the fruit. Casy then had Newton hold the fruit cup, at which the parrots swarmed over Newton. One little girl did this and two parrots jumped onto her head. One of them defecated on her head, at which point Newton shook the parrots off his body and left the room.



After leaving the park, we drove into downtown, which was supposed to be a historic downtown district. Nothing looked historic to me; everything seemed brand new and shiny; all the shops and restaurants were very expensive too. We had dinner at an Argentinean restaurant, walked around window shopping and had dessert at a French bakery.

