

# BUTTERFLY GIRL

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### ***Cast Breakdown***

(7 cast members, 2 men, 5 women)

VELMA GRATCH – Young, quirky, energetic. Likes to ask lots of questions. Entering first grade. RANGE: Alto/Mezzo belt.

FIONA GRATCH/ENSEMBLE – Sporty, tomboyish. RANGE: Alto/Mezzo belt.

FREIDA GRATCH/ENSEMBLE – Smart, girly. RANGE: Soprano.

PRINCIPAL/ENSEMBLE – The principal of the school as well as fellow student. RANGE: Alto/Soprano

TOUR GUIDE/ENSEMBLE – The tour guide at the butterfly conservatory. RANGE: Alto.

MR. PLEXIPUSS – Velma's first-grade science teacher. RANGE: Tenor.

ANDY/ENSEMBLE – Fellow student/Gym Class teacher. RANGE: Baritone.

# SONG LIST

<u>SONG TITLE</u>	<u>CHARACTERS</u>
#1. First Day of First Grade	Velma, Frieda, Fiona
#2. The Famous Sisters Gratch	Velma, Frieda, Fiona, Teachers
#3. The Famous Sisters Gratch Playoff	Scene Change
#4. Velma, The Great Unknown	Velma
#5. Look at Me	Velma
#6. Velma, The Great Unknown (reprise)	Velma
#7. Metmorphosis	Mr. Plexipuss, Students
#8. When I Meet a Butterfly	Velma
#9. Mexico	Tour Guide
#10. Way Cool Butterfly	Students, Velma, Mr. Plexipuss
#11. Why You Chose Me	Velma
#12. Butterfly Girl	Sandy, Andy, Randi, Teachers, Velma
#13. Metamorphosis (reprise) / Finale	Velma, Principal, Ensemble

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*(VELMA GRATCH, the youngest of the three Gratch sisters, is about to begin her first day of first grade. Before she walks into school, she grills her older sisters, FREIDA and FIONA.)*

**VELMA**

IS THE FRONT ROW BETTER THAN THE BACK ROW?

**FIONA**

CALM DOWN, VELMA...

**VELMA**

WILL I KNOW WHICH DESK IS MINE?

**FRIEDA**

DON'T WORRY, VELMA...

**VELMA**

WILL MY TEACHER THINK I'M SMART?

WILL I GET AN "A" IN ART?

**FIONA AND FRIEDA**

IT'S GONNA BE WAY FINE!

**VELMA**

IT'S MY FIRST DAY OF FIRST GRADE  
AND I'M FEELING JUST A LITTLE AFRAID.  
'CAUSE THOUGH I HAVE MY LUCKY SOCKS  
AND GOT AN AWESOME FROG LUNCH BOX  
I WISH I'D STAYED IN BED.  
BUT NOW I'M UP AND FILLED WITH DREAD  
FOR MY FIRST DAY OF FIRST GRADE.

**VELMA**

Were you nervous on your first day, Frieda?

**FREIDA**

I'm sure I was a little afraid.

**VELMA**

How about you, Fiona?

**FIONA**

Probably.

**FRIEDA**

But school's fun.

**FIONA**

And Mr. Plexipuss is cool.

Way cool. **FREIDA**

Mr. Plexi-who-see-what-see? **VELMA**

Mr. Plexipuss. **FRIEDA**

The first grade teacher. **FIONA**

OH I'LL MESS UP HIS PRO-NANCY-NATION. **VELMA**

"PRONUNCIATION." **FRIEDA**

YOU'LL BE FINE, FIRST GRADE IS COOL. **FIONA**

WAY COOL. **FRIEDA**

IF IT'S SO COOL THEN STAY WITH ME! **VELMA**

WE CAN'T, WE'RE IN GRADES FIVE **FIONA**

AND THREE. **FRIEDA**

BUT, WE'LL SEE YOU AFTER SCHOOL. **FRIEDA & FIONA**

If I make it that long. **VELMA**

IT'S MY FIRST DAY OF FIRST GRADE.  
I'M EXCITED BUT A LITTLE AFRAID.  
LAST YEAR SCHOOL WAS SUCH A BLAST  
BUT KINDERGARTEN NOW HAS PAST.  
SO, LET THIS BE AS GREAT

**FIONA AND FRIEDA**  
COME ON, VELMA, YOU'LL BE LATE!  
FOR YOUR...

**VELMA, FIONA & FRIEDA**  
FIRST DAY OF FIRST GRADE!

**FIONA**

Just relax. It's gonna be fine!!

**FIONA and FRIEDA**

Way fine!!

*(FRIEDA and FIONA exit.)*

**VELMA**

MAYBE IT WAS FINE FOR THEM,  
BUT IT MIGHT NOT BE FINE FOR ME-HEE-HEE.  
I WISH I WAS LIKE MY SISTERS...  
WAIT A MINUTE! MAYBE THAT'S THE KEY, KEY, KEY!  
I'LL ACT LIKE THEM, BE SUPER STRONG,  
AND FIND A PLACE WHERE I BELONG  
JUST HOPE THAT I DON'T DO IT WRONG...

ON MY FIRST DAY OF FIRST GRADE!  
I GOTTA BE BRAVE, CAN'T BE AFRAID.  
I'LL MARCH RIGHT IN AND FIND MY SEAT.  
I'LL RAISE MY HAND AND PLANT MY FEET!  
THE SCHOOL WILL THINK I'M SMART AND WISE  
THEY'LL MAKE A TROPHY AS A PRIZE!  
(MY TUMMY'S FULL OF BUTTERFLIES...)  
ON MY FIRST DAY OF FIRST GRADE!

*(VELMA walks to her desk.)*

**MR. PLEXIPUSS**

Good morning, class. Welcome to first grade! I'm your teacher, Mr. Plexipuss!

**STUDENTS**

Good morning, Mr. Plexipuss!

**VELMA**

*(overlapping a bit)*

Good morning, Mr. Platypuss!

*(She hangs her head in embarrassment.)*

**MR. PLEXIPUSS**

Please say "here" when I call your name. Randi Rickenbacher?

**RANDI (OFFSTAGE)**

Here.

**MR. PLEXIPUSS**

Sandy Salazar?

**SANDY**

Here.

Andy Anderson? **MR. PLEXIPUSS**

Here. **ANDY**

Velma Gratch? **MR. PLEXIPUSS**

Here. **VELMA**

Gratch? **MR. PLEXIPUSS**

Here. **VELMA**

*(becoming excited)*  
Gratch? **MR. PLEXIPUSS**

**VELMA**  
Yes. Velma Gratch. Gratch Number Three. The littlest Gratch.

**MUSICAL #1. THE FAMOUS SISTERS GRATCH  
(Teachers, Principal)**

*(leaning into the classroom)*  
Did somebody say Gratch? **MRS. CHOIR TEACHER**

She said Gratch! **MR. PLEXIPUSS**

*(leaning into the classroom)*  
Did somebody say Gratch? **MR. GYM TEACHER**

She said Gratch! **MR. PLEXIPUSS AND MRS. ENGLISH TEACHER**

**ALL TEACHERS**  
GRATCH? GRATCH? GRATCH!!!!!!

HOW LUCKY WE HAVE BEEN  
TO KNOW THE GRATCHES, ONE AND TWO:  
FIRST, FRIEDA, THEN FIONA  
EACH A TEACHER'S DREAM COME TRUE...



**MRS. ENGLISH TEACHER & MRS. CHOIR TEACHER**

FRIEDA'S SWEET, ANGELIC VOICE  
LIFTED UP THE CHOIR.

**FRIEDA**

AHHH!!

**MRS. ENGLISH TEACHER & MRS. CHOIR TEACHER**

EVERY NOTE IN PERFECT TUNE  
A BIRD COULD NOT SING HIGHER.

**FRIEDA**

AH! AH! AH! AHHH!!!

**MR. PLEXIPUSS & MR. GYM TEACHER**

FIONA RAN WITH LIGHTNING SPEED  
NO ONE COULD GET PAST HER!  
SHE CHASED DOWN EVERY SOCCER BALL  
THE WIND COULD NOT RUN FASTER!

**ALL TEACHERS**

OF ALL THE STUDENTS THAT WE'VE TAUGHT  
THE GRATCHES WERE THE BEST.  
PERFECT, PLEASANT, POPULAR,  
AN "A" ON EVERY TEST.  
THEY'VE RISEN TO A HEIGHT  
NO ONE ELSE WILL EVER MATCH.  
OH, FRIEDA AND FIONA  
THEY'RE THE FAMOUS SISTERS GRATCH!

**MR. PLEXIPUSS**

FRIEDA WAS A WHIZ AT MATH  
COULD MULTIPLY TIMES NINE!

**FRIEDA**

NINE TIMES FIVE IS FORTY-FIVE! NINE TIMES NINE IS EIGHTY-ONE!

**MRS. ENGLISH TEACHER**

FIONA WON THE SPELLING BEE  
BY SPELLING PORCUPINE!

**FIONA**

P-O-R-C-U-P-I-N-E! PORCUPINE!!

**MR. GYM TEACHER**

SHE ALSO PLAYED HARMONICA  
WHILE TWIRLING HULA-HOOP!

**MRS. CHOIR TEACHER**

AND FRIEDA VOLUNTEERED  
TO ALWAYS CLEAN THE GERBIL'S POOP.

**MR. PLEXIPUSS, MR. GYM TEACHER, MRS. ENGLISH TEACHER & FIONA**

EWWW!!

**ALL TEACHERS**

OF ALL THE STUDENTS THAT WE'VE TAUGHT  
THE GRATCHES WERE THE BEST.  
PERFECT, PLEASANT, POPULAR,  
AN "A" ON EVERY TEST.  
THEY'VE RISEN TO A HEIGHT  
NO ONE ELSE WILL EVER MATCH.  
OH, FRIEDA AND FIONA  
THEY'RE THE FAMOUS SISTERS GRATCH!

**VELMA**

THERE'S ONE MORE GRATCH  
AND THAT ONE IS ME  
THE LITTLEST GRATCH  
I'M NUMERO THREE.  
MY NAME IS VELMA  
WITH A CAPITAL "V"  
I'M A GRATCH, TOO.  
WHY CAN'T YOU SEE???

**ALL TEACHERS**

YOUR SISTERS WERE ELEVEN  
ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN.  
CAN'T FORGET SUCH LOVELY GIRLS,  
AND WHAT'S YOUR NAME AGAIN?

**ALL TEACHERS, FIONA & FRIEDA**

OF ALL THE STUDENTS THAT WE'VE/YOU'VE TAUGHT  
THE GRATCHES WERE THE BEST.  
PERFECT, PLEASANT, POPULAR,  
AN "A" ON EVERY TEST.  
THEY'VE/WE'VE RISEN TO A HEIGHT  
NO ONE ELSE WILL EVER MATCH!  
OH, FRIEDA AND FIONA...  
FRIEDA AND FIONA...  
FRIEDA AND FIONA,  
THEY'RE/WE'RE THE FAMOUS SISTERS... GRATCH!!!

*(Lights change as VELMA leaves school and heads home.)*

**MUSICAL #2. VELMA, THE GREAT UNKNOWN**  
*(Velma)*

GEE...  
WOW...  
MY SISTERS ARE THE CAT'S MEOW.  
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE IN THE HALL OF FAME

BUT, NO ONE EVEN KNOWS MY NAME.  
MIGHT AS WELL STAY HOME ALONE.  
JUST ME, VELMA  
THE GREAT UNKNOWN.

UN-  
FAIR.  
THEY EVEN MISSED MY BRIGHT RED HAIR.  
IT'S ALMOST LIKE I'M MADE OF GLASS  
THE ONLY SEE-THROUGH GIRL IN CLASS.  
I'VE GOT NOTHING SPECIAL OF MY OWN,  
NOT ME, VELMA  
THE GREAT UNKNOWN.

WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO NOTICE ME?  
SHOULD I DRESS UP LIKE A BUMBLE-BEE?  
SHOULD I PUT A DAISY IN MY NOSE?  
WEAR A WIG MADE FROM A GARDEN HOSE?

*(VELMA is home now. FRIEDA and FIONA enter.)*

So, how was it, Velma?

**FIONA**

Was first grade cool?

**FRIEDA**

Ummm...not exactly.

**VELMA**

What happened?

**FIONA**

Well, none of the teachers really noticed me...for some reason.

**VELMA**

Well, it was only the first day. Give it some time.

**FRIEDA**

Yeah, I'm sure they'll notice you soon!

**FIONA**

Yeah, way soon!  
*(FRIEDA and FIONA exit.)*

**FRIEDA**

NO-  
SIREE...

**VELMA**



HEY, MR. PLEXIPUSS, LOOK AT ME! LOOK AT ME!  
I'LL DO ONE PLUS ONE  
HEY, MR. PLEXIPUSS, MATH IS SO MUCH FUN!

*(VELMA writes on the board  $1+1+1+1+1+1 = 5$  Gazillion!)*

**MR. PLEXIPUSS**

Velma, stop!!!

*(VELMA freezes in her tracks.)*

**VELMA**

You know my name?

**MR. PLEXIPUSS**

Yes, I do, Velma. And I'm sending you to the Principal's office right now. *(He takes a moment to compose himself.)* This is the first time I've ever sent a Gratch to see the Principal!

**VELMA**

*(thinking this is a great honor)*

The first time! Gee!!

*(Lights change as VELMA enters the Principal's office.)*

**PRINCIPAL**

Hello, Velma.

**VELMA**

Hello, Principal. I'm Velma Gratch. Gratch Number Three. The littlest Gratch. Nice to meet you. This is pretty exciting, don't you think? The first time a Gratch has ever been sent in to see the Principal. Fiona and Frieda never got to come in here to see you. Way cool.

**PRINCIPAL**

No, Velma, it is not way cool. Being sent to see the Principal is not a good thing. You're here because the gym teacher said you were running too slow and the choir teacher said you were singing too loud and Mr. Plexipuss said...

**VELMA**

But I was just trying to get noticed. Everyone knows my sisters, but no one knows me.

**PRINCIPAL**

Yes, but we know your sisters for good things, not for being disruptive. It's time to get back to class now, Velma. I hope I don't see you in my office again. *(VELMA leaves, dejected.)*

**MUSICAL #4. VELMA, THE GREAT UNKNOWN (reprise)**  
*(Velma)*

*(VELMA leaves the PRINCIPAL's office.)*

**VELMA**

...GOT NOTHING SPECIAL OF MY OWN,  
I'M STILL JUST VELMA