Monarch Lifecycle, Ages 3-8

1. Give each student a white sticker to start activity.
2. Ask students if they have ever seen a monarch before. Ask what they know about monarchs.
3. Tell students they are going to explore the 4 stages of a monarch’s life.
4. Place the numbered cards in a circle large enough to allow the number of students to participate.
5. Place leaf cards around Lifecycle # 2.
6. Place caterpillar cards around Lifecycle # 4. The caterpillar by wplynn is a monarch caterpillar.
7. Have students begin at Lifecycle # 1 and follow the instructions on each station’s card.
8. Once students have become a butterfly, they can continue the circle of life by starting over and laying an egg.

GOOD LUCK, AND HAPPY FLYING!
Lifecycle #1
You are a mother monarch and need to find some milkweed to lay your eggs.
Fly around in 3 circles.

Lifecycle #2
Hunt for a milkweed plant leaf and lay an egg.
Add a sticker to the leaf.
Lifecycle # 3
Wait to hatch
Sit & count slowly to 10.

Lifecycle # 4
Yay! You hatched from your egg.
Find a monarch caterpillar.

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Lifecycle #5
Time to Eat!
Rub your tummy 20 times & say YUM.

Lifecycle #6
You grew, but your skin is too small.
Wiggle to shed your old skin.
Lifecycle #7
Time to eat AGAIN!
Rub your tummy 20 times & say YUM.

Lifecycle #8
Get ready to change.
Lie on your back to make a J shape.
Lifecycle #9

Hang in a chrysalis.

Tuck up small & count to 20.

Lifecycle #10

Eclove from your chrysalis.

Flap arms 10x to stretch wings.
Lifecycle #11
You are a Monarch Butterfly!
Fly in 5 circles to celebrate.

Lifecycle #12
Find a flower and drink.
Pretend to sip nectar 5 times