Hanna Center Summer Camp children are taught about caterpillars

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LAFAYETTE, Ind. (WLFI) - Kids at the Hanna Center Summer Camp have a new pet.

On Tuesday, the Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine helped children learn about animals by giving them a caterpillar.

The kids are in kindergarten through sixth grade and will raise the caterpillars to become butterflies over the next few weeks.

They also received a book on the life cycle of a caterpillar.

Children are documenting their observations, making drawings and recording temperature in the environment.

Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine Associate Dean for Engagement Sandy San Miguel said the lessons will help kids with math.

“We talk about how one day in a butterflies life is about four years in a person’s life so they’re going to have to calculate the age of their butterflies in people years,” said San Miguel.

The Hanna Summer Camp started on Monday and lasts until early August. Registration is still available for the day camp.

For registration information and more details about the Hanna Center and the camp, click here.