



Broward County Public Schools Videoconference

Reading Rascals

Lesson: Animals and Us

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Grade Level: First Grade

Sunshine State Standard: SC.F.1.1 and SC.F.2.1

Benchmark: SC.F.1.1.5 and SC.F.2.1.1

Objective(s):

1. Students will be able to compare the similarities and differences between different animals..
2. Students will show that they understand that living things have offspring that resemble their parents.

SCIENCE SKILL: Compare.

LITERATURE CONNECTION:

Book Title: Who Is the Beast?

Author: Keith Baker

Publisher: Harcourt Brace & Company, Orlando, FL (1990)

Summary: When a tiger suspects he is the beast the jungle animals are fleeing, he returns to them and points out their similarities.

- Who is telling this story? *The tiger*
- Students will list the similarities between the animals:
 - *Catfish = white whiskers*
 - *Snake = green, round eyes*
 - *Frog = strong legs*
 - *Bee = yellow and black stripes*
 - *Monkey = swinging tails*
- Who is the beast? *All the animals*
- How are people like the animals in this book?
 - *Catfish = white whiskers = Old men*
 - *Snake = green, round eyes = I have hazel-green eyes*
 - *Frog = strong legs = Basketball players have strong legs.*
 - *Bee = yellow and black stripes = NO*
 - *Monkey = swinging tails = NO*

MEDIA CONNECTION: “A Trip to the Farm,” *Stage One Science: Starting Life*. United Learning (1994). Retrieved December 3, 2007, from unitedstreaming: <http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/>

MUSIC CORRELATION: “Baby Animals” page 43

Book Title: 101 Science Poems & Songs for Young Learners

Author: Meish Goldfish

Illustrator: Bari Weissman

Publisher: Scholastic, Inc., New York NY (1996)

Summary: Colorful illustrations accompany poems and hands-on science activities for children in grades 1–3

Book Title: Whose Baby Am I?

Author: John Butler

Publisher: Penguin Putnam Books for Young Readers, New York, NY. (2001)

Summary: Acrylic and colored pencil drawings are effectively used to illustrate the offspring of a variety of animals.

- *Students will answer the question on each page “Whose Baby Am I?”*

MATERIALS NEEDED: None

EXTENSION:

Related Website:

Animal Pictures, Animal Facts, **exZOOberance**, Celebrating the Animal Kingdom!

<http://www.exzooberance.com>

Related Video Book: *Five Creatures*. Weston Woods (2002). Retrieved December 3, 2007, from unitedstreaming: <http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/>

Told from a small girl's point of view, this is the charming story of the two cats and three humans that live in her house. The story playfully charts comparisons between the five family members' varied talents and tastes just the way a child learning to count might do.