

Great Classroom Idea



Grade level: K-1

Subject (if applicable): Science

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lesson plan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> project-based teaching/activity idea |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> devotional | <input type="checkbox"/> bulletin board idea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> science demo or experiment | <input type="checkbox"/> critical thinking strategy |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> relationship-building idea | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ |

Description: (attach supplementary materials if needed)

Bears unit - Animals and Habitats

This is a 3-week lesson. Google Cathy Domke for the complete lesson plan

Study: Black bears, grizzly bears, and polar bears

Compare and contrast on a chart all these facts:

Geographic areas located

Size of body and paw, colour of fur

Type of home and hibernation practice

Food and resources needed

Life age

How long babies live with mother

Provide models/stuffies of each type of bear.

Great opportunity for "bear" literature and rhymes.

End with a "Bear Day" and sleepover (for the bears)

All "bear" activities - math, stories, writing, journaling, film

Bed bears down for the night

*After the kids leave for the day, set up the room so it looks like the bears had a party and totally messed up the room. Position bears - writing on board messages ("Mrs. Domke is funny"), reading scattered books, games set up, crayons on floor, paper airplanes, etc.

When kids enter the next morning, they are in SHOCK! Really! They are then told since they are responsible for bear, they must help clean up. Put on bear songs and work together. Great fun. They love it.

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