

SCIENCE 5TH GRADE FOURTH NINE WEEKS

Family Curriculum Guide



We are learning

- Interdependency of living things
- Dependence on nonliving things
- Changes in food webs
- Healthy ecosystems
- Humans helping and harming ecosystems
- Instincts and learned behaviors
- Animal adaptations
- Structures of living things

Science Conversation Starters

- How do living things depend upon one another to survive?
- What non living things are helpful in an environment?
- What changes will happen to a food web if the ecosystem changes?
- What are the attributes of a healthy ecosystem?
- What is an example of learned behavior?
- What is an example of an instinct?
- How do structures help living things survive in their environment?

Academic Vocabulary

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| • Abiotic | • Producer | • Adaptation | • Factor |
| • Biotic | • Interaction | • Behavior | • Condition |
| • Consumer | • Interdependency | • Inherited | • Environment |
| • Decomposer | • Cycling of Matter | • Instinct | • Adult |
| • Ecosystem | • Transfer of energy | • Learned behavior | • Egg |
| • Habitat | • Food web | • Species | • Larva |
| • Harmful | • Fossil | • Migration | • Pupa |
| • Organism | • Impint | • Hibernation | • Nymph |
| • Pollution | • Model | • Domancy | • Seedling |
| • Predator | • Paleontologist | • Precipitation | • Metamorphosis |
| • Prey | | • Temperature | • Germinate |