



Dartmouth Public Schools

Office of Teaching and Learning

Enrichment Lessons for Library Media K-5

Date: 5.18.20

MUSEUM MONDAY: Dry Tortugas National Park, Florida

Objective(s):

- Students will access the virtual Google Arts and Culture tour of the Dry Tortugas National Park in Florida and explore this historic and tropical place!

Resources/Materials:

An internet-ready device

Paper and pencil for any notes

Activity:

Have you ever been to a museum or national park where only 1% of it is available? We're heading to the Dry Tortugas National Park in Florida, where 99% of the park is underwater! Use an Internet-ready device to access the tour:

<https://artsandculture.withgoogle.com/en-us/national-parks-service/dry-tortugas/near-little-af-rica-tour>

You've used a few Google Arts and Culture tours on MUSEUM MONDAYS, so this should be easy peasy for you to navigate. Just remember to click and drag all around the screen to get a 360 view! It's breathtaking! Make sure you have your wetsuit on, because this tour goes IN AND OUT of the ocean!

Ms. Powers absolutely LOVED swimming through a real coral reef! So cool! Did you prefer the tour on the land or in the water? Do you think you'd like to swim here?



Extension

DIY Coral! Can you make your own coral like the below? You just need some pipe cleaners!
(Thank you to Happy Together By Jess, a crafting site, for the below image and idea!)



STORY OF THE DAY:

“Coral” by National Geographic.

<https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/Video.aspx?ProductID=6400>

Remember, you need to be logged in to Tumblebooks to access the story! Username:
tumble735, password: books

5.19.20

TINKER TUESDAY: It's Fluffy Slime Time!

Objective(s):

Using household objects, students will create fluffy slime.



This recipe and experiment comes courtesy of Little Bins for Little Hands, and can be accessed here:

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/how-to-make-fluffy-slime-recipe-kids/>

Resources/Materials:

- 1/2 cup White Washable PVA School Glue (Like Elmers!)
- 3 cups Foam Shaving Cream
- 1 tbsp Saline Solution
- 1/4-1/2 tsp Baking Soda
- Food coloring (optional)

Activity:

→ I'm sure you've made slime before! Maybe sticky slime, sparkle slime, or neon slime, but maybe not FLUFFY SLIME! I'm going to direct you to the Little Bins for Little Hands site for the step-by-step instructions on how to make the slime, but I wanted to share a few quick tips before you go!

1. I know I sound like a broken record, but always make sure you have an adult's permission and supervision when you do any kind of experiment or recipe. You want adults to know what you're doing, and help, but you also don't want to take ingredients and use them without permission.
2. Just like any other recipe, make sure you have all the ingredients you need to make the slime, and make sure you have enough of it. Read the instructions at least twice!
3. Spread some newspaper underneath your bowl just in case.
4. Squirt some saline onto your hands before you pick up your slime to knead it; it will help it stick less.
5. Store your slime in a clear sealable container, but remember that fluffy slime depends on the air in the shaving foam to stay fluffy, and that goes away after a day or so. The slime will stay, but the fluff will go!

Extension:

STORY OF THE DAY: "Mechanimals" by Chris Tougas

<https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/Directlink.aspx?U=tumble735&P=books&bookid=6596>

When a tornado leaves a farmer with a heap of scrap metal and no animals, his neighbors are sure it's all over for him. But the determined farmer refuses to admit defeat. His plans are big, and when his neighbors dismiss them with the words, "When pigs fly," they grow bigger still. The farmer sets to work to turn that scrap metal into some rather surprising creatures. Mechanimals will help all of us believe in our dreams, despite what the neighbors may say.

5.20.20

GO WILD WEDNESDAY: Get Outta Here!

Objective(s):

Students will do an everyday activity but outside.

Resources/Materials:

Whatever supplies you need for that activity

Activity:

Today's GO WILD WEDNESDAY seems very simple, and it really is, but it can work wonders. I go running every day (yes, even in the rain) so I spend at least an hour or two outside in the early morning hours. However, last week on a really sunny day, I decided to eat my lunch outside. It sounds silly, but it boosted my mood for the rest of the day! Just eating lunch outside! So later on that afternoon, I brought a book outside and read. I felt wonderful when I came back in.

Today, take a regular activity you would do inside, and move it outside. Even if you play outside a lot, make a point to do this. Trust me, it's the easiest thing you'll do today! Being outside and breathing fresh air can help improve your mood.

- Make sure you put on sunscreen!
- Try to stay outside for as long as you can, but 30 minutes is a good number.
- If it's chilly, bundle up! You don't have to wait for it to be warm.

"I don't have any activities to do outside!" Nice try! There's a bunch of things you can easily do outside instead of inside, but there is one rule: NO SCREENS.

- Read a book
- Do your school work (not on a device!)

- Eat a meal or a snack
- Play a game
- Talk with a family member
- Listen to music
- Call a family member or friend to chat (voice only, no FaceTime, see below!)

Screens aren't ideal for your activity (your eyes probably need a rest, and staring at a screen outside is kind of beside the point!), so leave the devices inside for the most part.

Extension:

“Read Anything Good Lately?” by Susan Allen and Jane Lindaman

A child's question prompts another's alphabetic reveries in this invitation to consider the many things and places to read: an atlas at the airport, a biography in bed.....

<https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/Directlink.aspx?U=tumble735&P=books&bookid=4951>

Date: 5.21.20

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY: Need Drum-thing to do?

Objective(s):

Students will use an online tutorial to learn the different drums in a drum kit, and use their own body to play!

Resources/Materials:

An Internet ready device

No other equipment required!

Activity:

Did you ever wonder what it's like to play the drums, but you don't have a kit of your own? Not to worry, JamZone has your back! This video is going to show you the parts of a drum kit, and how to use your body to play!

I will be the first to admit that my rhythm skills are not my strong point, but I had a blast trying this out! You'll work on your rhythm and timing, plus learn some fun new beats. The videos get harder as you go, so polish those skills before you move on.

<http://jamzone.littlekidsrock.org/lessons/body-drumset/>

Extension:

Pecorino's First Concert by Alan Madison

<https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/book.aspx?id=4161>

If you think you know the silliest boy in the world, you're wrong. Pecorino Sasquatch is the silliest boy in the world. Just watch him as he heads off to the first concert he's ever seen, conducted by the world-famous Vittorio Pimplelini. Before the day is out, Pecorino will furmuzzle a man with a long mustache, wamboodle himself down into a tuba, and cause the most Brobdingnagian blast of a note that anyone has ever heard. It's all in a day's work for Pecorino.

Date: 5.22.20

FIELD TRIP FRIDAY: Penguin 360!

Objective(s):

Students will access the virtual tour of the Polk Penguin Conservation Center in Royal Oak, Michigan and observe the animals and learn some new facts.

Resources/Materials:

An Internet-ready device

Paper and pencils for any notes

Activity:

I just love penguins. I think they are so cute and interesting! I love to go to the New England Aquarium in Boston and just watch the penguins in their enclosure, especially when the trainers are feeding them!

Today, we're heading to Michigan to visit the Polk Penguin Conservation Center in Royal Oak! This awesome facility houses 75 different penguins of four different species, all of which you can view using their virtual tour!

You can access the virtual tour here:

<https://www.thinglink.com/video/985301017262292994>

You can visit the Polk Penguin website here:

<https://penguins.detroitzoo.org/>

Here is a listing of the different penguins the center houses, with some interesting facts:

<https://penguins.detroitzoo.org/the-penguins/>

- Which fact did you find the most interesting?
- Which penguin would you like most to see in the virtual tour?
- What room in the virtual tour is your favorite? Why?

Extension:

“A Penguin Story” by Antionette Portis

<https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/Video.aspx?ProductID=4197>

Edna the penguin only knows the three colors that surround her: white ice, black night, and blue sea. She is convinced there is something more out there. So she sets out on a quest—a quest for color. When she finally finds what she's been looking for, it's everything she hoped for and more. But that doesn't mean she will ever stop looking.