

3rd Grade Fall Garden Lesson #1

Farm Wildlife Scavenger Hunt

With entire class:

- Explain that we will be going on a [virtual scavenger hunt around Brookfield Farm](#). Our job will be to spot as many different types of animals as possible (insects are animals, too!)
- IF USING [FARM ECOSYSTEM INTERACTIVE TOOL](#):
 - Toggle between tabs during the break between each farm critter in the video
 - When you spot a garden critter:
 - **INSTRUCTIONS**: Make a copy of this document (do not edit the original). Click and drag the animal you observe into the “Animal” box. You can make the animal image larger by clicking on the image and dragging one of the blue dots in the corners. Then, type in notes about where it was, what it was doing, or other interesting observations you made (using the “Observations” box). Include your idea about what the animal does on the farm (its “roles”).
 - **NOTE**: This will not work as an interactive in “Present” mode. Keep it in the editable view. You can enlarge the view by using the magnifying glass zoom tool in the upper left toolbar if needed.
- IF USING [PAPER PRINTOUT](#):
 - In the video, when you spot a garden critter:
 - circle the picture on the scavenger hunt page and write down where it was (On a leaf? In the dirt? The sky? On a flower?) and what it was doing when you saw it. (Was it eating? Flying? Burrowing? Sleeping?)
- After you watch the video, have students share some of what they saw.
- Ask: What are some of the ways in which you saw animals interacting with plants? What “jobs” or “roles” do these animals have on the farm or in a garden?

Post Lesson:

- As an optional lesson extension, offer that students can take a copy of the scavenger hunt below into their neighborhood, yard, or another outdoor area and see what they discover! No need for a printer-- students can simply bring a paper and pencil outside and record what they see.

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Can you find the critters below? If you find one, write where you found it (ex: on a leaf, or under a rock) and/or what it was doing when you found it in the box next to the picture!

 Spiders		 Birds	
 Ants		 Woodchuck	
 Grubs/ Caterpillars		 Beetles/Ladybeetles	
 Worms		 Bees	
 Butterflies/Moths		 Grasshoppers or Crickets	
 Centipedes/Millipedes		 Wasps, Hornets, or Yellowjackets	
 Slugs/Snails		 Flies	
 Squirrels		 Ticks	

What else did you find? Anything not on our list?
