

Desert Themed Books

Title: A Desert Habitat

Author: Kelley Macaulay and Bobbie Kalman

Publisher and Date: Crabtree Publications Company, 2006

of Pages: 32

Summary: This book is full of information about the desert and what types of animals live in the desert. It explains what a habitat is and specifically what type of a habitat a desert is. The book goes on to talk about what the weather is like in the desert and how the animals get food in the desert. The book also has great photographs of the desert. It allows the students to really see what it looks like in the desert.

Grade Level: K-2

Guided Reading Level: O

Website: <http://www.calacademy.org/exhibits/africa/exhibit/sahara/index.html>

Homepage website: <http://www.calacademy.org/>

Author: California Academy of Science

Publisher and Date: 2012

Summary: This website is great when talking about habitats (deserts). It explains how the Sahara desert was formed and gives facts about the desert. It then explains what Dunes. This website goes into detail about the history of the Sahara Desert.

Grade Level: 4th grade and Up

Guided Reading Level: O

Ocean Themed Books

Title: Magic School Bus: The Ocean Floor

Author: Joanna Cole

Publisher and Date: Scholastics, 1994

of Pages: 32 Pages

Summary: This book is about another great adventure that Miss Frizzle and her class goes on. They take a fieldtrip into the ocean because they are learning about different animals and plants that live in the ocean. When the class enters the ocean they experience what it is like to live in the ocean and they meet so many different kinds of animals.

Throughout this fieldtrip, the students learn about many new things that are in the ocean.

This book is very humorous.

Grade Level: K- 3

Guided Reading Level: O

Title: What Do Sharks Eat for Dinner?

Author: Gilda Berger

Publisher and Date: Scholastics, 2001

of Pages: 48 pages

Summary: This book has many facts about sharks. It also allows the students to see dramatic underwater pictures. By reading this book aloud, the students will learn that sharks have a sixth sense and can see in the dark. They will also learn that sharks lose as many as 20,000 teeth in their lifetime.

Grade Level: 1-5
Guided Reading Level: P

Title: Ocean- National Geographic
Website: <http://bit.ly/PEDNp1>
Home Page: www.Nationalgeographic.com
Author: National Geographic
Publisher and Date: 2012

Summary: This webpage has great videos about the ocean and animals that live in the ocean. These videos are great to show your students so they will be able to see first hand what the ocean looks like. Some children never get the opportunity to visit the ocean if they don't live right next to it, so this is a great way for them to experience seeing the ocean and what makes up the ocean.

Grade Level: 1- Up
Guided Reading Level: -

Rainforest themed books

Title: The Great Kapok Tree
Author: Lynne Cherry
Publisher& Date: Harcourt Inc, 1990
#of pages: 30

Summary: A man begins to chop down a great Kapok tree in the Amazon rainforest when suddenly he becomes tired and falls asleep under the tree. While the man is sleeping various animals and a young child visit him in his sleep one by one and whisper to not chop this tree down. When the man wakes up the animals and young child who had asked him not to chop the tree down while he was sleeping surrounds him. The man picks up his ax and walks quietly away from the tree out of the rainforest leaving the home of the animals untouched.

Grade Level: k-3
Guided Reading Level: R
Cherry, L. (1990). *The great Kapok tree*. Orlando: Harcourt Inc.

Title: Over in the Jungle A Rainforest Rhyme
Author: Marianne Berkes
Publisher& Date: Dawn Publications, 2007
#of pages: 26

Summary: This book counts up to ten with each page containing a different animal that is found in the jungle. The pages are very repetitious with only the name of the animal changing and the action of the animal. At the end of the book all of the animals are on one page for students to count and find in the jungle. There are also lyrics to the song, musical notes, a glossary of the animals, and other information about the animals and the rainforest community.

Grade Level: k-1

Guided Reading Level: J

Berkes, M. (2007). *Over the jungle: A rainforest rhyme*. Nevada: Dawn Publications.

Title: Animals (Look, Play, Create, Learn, Find & Count)

Website: <http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/preschool/animals.htm>

Publisher& Date: Sheppards Software

of pages: 5 different categories for students to select

Summary: This website has five different categories for students to select and play different games about animals in the rainforest. I would use this website with students who are learning at a lower level in first grade more frequently because of the verbal commands and images on the site for students.

Grade Level: B-1

Title: Forests

Website: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuHuQwA-y5Y>

Publisher& Date: Uploaded by sfrancis719 on Nov 3, 2010

Summary: This website has wonderful real life video clips of animals that live in the different layers of the rainforest. The video describes each layer as well as animals that live there.

Grade Level: k-12

Title: Ecosystems HD

Author: Arun Ramamoorthy

Publisher and Date: Sprout Labs, 2012

Type of Resouce: iPad or Ipod App

Summary: This iPad app is a great resource for learning about all of the different habitats, or ecosystems including a lot of great information about forests. The application is compiled of informational text, pictures, videos, games, and quizzes about the different habitats. Students can explore “Wow Facts” about different habitats, play matching games, take quizzes, and watch videos. The application focuses on six habitats: grasslands, desserts, forests, tundra, oceans, and wetlands. The application even has a read aloud feature so that younger readers can still enjoy the features.

Grade Level: 1-5

Guided Reading Level: H