

Arts Integration: A Mastodon is not a Dinosaur!

Lesson Plan

Lesson Name: Mastodons lived where?

This lesson will take place over the course of many days, as the students research the habitat of the mastodon.

Goal: To create an understanding of the habitat of a mastodon and to recreate the habitat for scenery for a later arts performance.

Objective:

The students will be able to do the following:

- Students will discuss what a habitat is.
- Students will learn about a modern habitat of an elephant, and other living animals.
- Students will learn what adaptation to a habitat means.
- Students will discuss their habitats.
- As a class, students will research characteristics of a mastodon's habitat and create illustrations of this habitat for the informative classroom book.
- As a class, students will create scenery of a mastodon's habitat for a later arts performance.

Grade Level: Developmental Kindergarten/Kindergarten

Arts Standards addressed:

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Other Subject Areas Standards addressed:

Kindergarten Science GLCES

- Identify that living things have basic needs (food, habitat, etc.).
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Kindergarten ELA GLCES

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- R.IT.00.04
- R.CM.00.03
- R.CM.00.04
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- W.PR.00.01
- W.PR.00.02

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Instructional Outline:

Introduction:

The students will be introduced to the science vocabulary words habitat and adaptation. Habitats of living animals will be illustrated to the students using a variety of informative texts/internet. Students will discuss their own habitats.

Classroom Management Strategy:

Students will be actively involved in this lesson through brainstorming, listening, creating individual mastodon habitat illustrations, and creating background scenery for a later arts performance.

Prep Activity:

The characteristics of a modern day habitat of an elephant will be illustrated through informative texts and photos. Then thinking about what has been learned about mastodons from previous lessons a KWL chart will be created about a mastodon habitat.

Main Activity:

1. Using informative texts, photos and the internet the teacher will guide the students through learning specific characteristics of the mastodon's habitat.
2. The students will discover: where mastodon's lived (including geographical locations), types of vegetation, types of animals, weather/climate.
3. As a class, the students will create a habitat fact sheet for our classroom informative text.
4. The students will, after completing research about habitats will create individual illustrations for our classroom informative text.
5. With the assistance of Mrs. Wylegala, the students will create background scenery of a mastodon's habitat for the arts performance.

Additional Information:

Materials Needed:

Chart paper

Informative texts or age-appropriate internet sites containing facts about elephant and mastodon habitats

Markers

Large paper for student page of classroom book.

Cardboard backdrop
Paint

Outcomes/Assessment:

The students' knowledge gained through research about mastodon habitats will be illustrated through the individual illustrations each student will be responsible for creating, as well as the background scenery that the classroom will create.

Potential Challenges:

Finding information that is age-appropriate for Developmental Kindergarten students.

Explaining information at an age-appropriate level.