

Etiwanda School District
Alternative Activity Proposed Lesson Plan
Site: Lightfoot _____
Grade Level: 2nd Grade _____



Name of Activity: Animal Research Report _____
Description of Activity: Research report with imported student drawn graphics _____
Student Portfolio Work Sample: Typing simple sentences _____
Core Curricular Area: Writing / Science _____
State Standards: Writing 1.0, 1.3, 2.0, 2.1 _____
Information Literacy Standards: _____
Resources: Animal Fact file cards, internet, MS Paint, research guide, MS Word _

Lesson:

Pre-activity:(What will be completed in the classroom)

Choose an animal, go to the lab to research the animal on the internet, take the information to answer questions on the fact finding guide (use additional resources as needed). Write rough draft using gathered facts, using writing process to complete final draft.

Computer-based activity: (What will be completed in the computer lab)

1. MS Paint drawing of animal in habitat
2. Import MS Paint drawing into MS Word
3. Type report
4. Edit report using spell check, etc. (application of word processing skills)
5. Print

Follow-Up Activity:

Students will do oral presentations about their animals.

Sample: see below



Bobcats

By

Bobcats are very interesting animals. Bobcats are mammals. They have buff brown fur with spotted or lined markings that are brown or black. Their bodies are covered in thick fur. Bobcats are named for their bobbed tail. The bobcat's cousin is the lynx. Bobcats are medium sized cats. They can measure 17 to 23 inches in height and 25 to 41 inches in length. Male bobcats weigh 16 to 28 pounds. Females weigh 10 to 18 pounds. A bobcat is about two feet tall.

Bobcats can be found from southern Canada to northern Mexico. Bobcats live in forests and mountain areas. They can also live in some deserts and brush land. It does not live in



treeless grassland where there is no cover for hunting. They live in places where there are a lot of plants and prey to eat.

Bobcats eat rabbits, rodents, birds, bats, and even adult deer. Bobcats sneak up on their prey. Then they get their food in one great big leap. Bobcats hunt at night. Bobcats can travel up to 25 miles at night to find food. They are also good swimmers but they only go in the water to cool off.

There are many other interesting facts about bobcats. First, a bobcat is most likely to be seen during the day only in the winter when there is not a lot of food. Next, in Mexico, bobcats are killed by farmers. Bobcats are getting killed because they are eating the farmer's sheep. Also, bobcats are the size of a golden retriever. Also, they can live up to 12 to 13 years. Finally, bobcats are also killed for their soft fur. Bobcats are amazing animals so they should be saved.

References:

<http://www.kidsplanet.org/factsheet/bobcat.html>

Animal Fact File Card #57