Post-Visit Lesson: Conservation Kids Make A Difference



Lesson Overview

After the *Conservation Kids* classroom presentation, students work at home to complete the *Conservation Kids* activity booklet and watch a short, fun video with important water conservation tips.

Arizona Department of Education Academic Standards

Please refer to the Arizona Department of Education Academic Standards file for the ADE standards addressed by this lesson.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- identify Oro Valley's three main water sources: groundwater, Colorado River water, and recycled water.
- describe changes in groundwater levels in Oro Valley and the Tucson Basin since 1900.
- define and describe the following vocabulary: Sonoran Desert, groundwater, aquifer, water cycle, precipitation, evaporation, runoff, percolation, well, wastewater treatment plant.
- describe the water cycle.
- describe ways to conserve water.
- teach their family and friends about water.

Materials

 Conservation Kids Activity Book (one per student, provided at the end of the Conservation Kids classroom presentation)

Procedure

1. After the *Conservation Kids* classroom presentation, distribute the *Conservation Kids Activity Booklet* to each student.

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2. Have students take the activity booklets home to complete, with assistance from their families as needed. (Optional: Choose to have students work on their activity booklets during class time and then send them home with the students.)

Extension Ideas

 Have students brainstorm ways to be water smart at school (for example, when washing hands and when using the water fountain).

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