Environmental: Exploring the Everglades

Third graders trek through Everglades National Park after researching the various habitats and discovering the many animals that call the "River of Grass" home. Students study the Florida Everglades in depth during their time in ACES and become familiar with Everglades vocabulary, conduct written and verbal reports on the animals in the Everglades and create illustrations of the animals in their natural habitats. The curriculum includes but is not limited to activity sheets, a guided fieldtrip to Everglades National Park, a guided fieldtrip to Fairchild Tropical Gardens (explored the Pine Rockland, Mangrove Forest and Tropical Hardwood Hammock) videos, research projects, numerous resource books, puzzles and a game of Everglades Jeopardy.

Everglades Vocabulary:

- adapt
- adaptation
- algae
- alligator
- anhinga
- applesnail
- aquifer
- bald eagle
- bark
- barred owl
- bass
- black bear
- bobcat
- bromeliad
- brown pelican
- camouflage
- carnivore
- climate
- cold-blooded
- community
- conservation
- consumer
- contamination
- decomposer
- deer
- detritus
- diversity
- ecology
- flora
- food
- food chain
- food web
- fox
- fungi
- gambusia
- garfish
- gumbo limbo tree
- habitat
- habitat destruction
- hammock
- hawk
- ecosystem
- egret
- endangered species
- energy
- environment
- epiphyte
- erosion
- everglades
- exotic
- extinct
- fern
- herbivore
- heron
- ibis
- insect
- interdependence
- irrigation
- larva
- lichen
- limestone
- loggerhead turtle
- manatee
- mangrove
- marine
- microscopic
- mollusk
- mosquito
- national park
- natural resource
- niche
- nourishment
- omnivorous
- opossum
- organism
- osprey
- panther
- parasite
- periphyton
- pesticide
- pollution
- population
- predator
- preservation
- prey
- producer
- raccoons
- recycle
- reptile
- roseate spoonbill
- sandhill crane
- species
- symbiosis
- tree snail
- water
- water cycle
- weather
- woodstork