

World of Wonder

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities

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Standards

- Current Events: Students will identify small things reported in the news.
- Science: Students will discuss survival behaviors of small animals.
- Science: Students will research and report on a small creature.

Activities

1. Use the News: What "small" things are mentioned in the newspaper? It may be a small car, a small amount of money or a small group of people. Read and record as many as you can find. Check several different sections of the paper, not just your favorite section.
2. What special difficulties do you think small creatures must overcome to survive? Brainstorm a list of these dangers. Next, have small group discussions about how a specific small animal might deal with the dangers. Finally, share your group's ideas with the class. Are some ideas similar?
3. Choose a small creature to research and report on. Make a picture or poster to display the information. Be sure to include examples of how the small animal survives in a "big" world.

World of Wonder meets many state educational standards. This guide helps teachers identify standards and related activities generally intended for grade 6, but teachers can modify activities to the appropriate grade level.