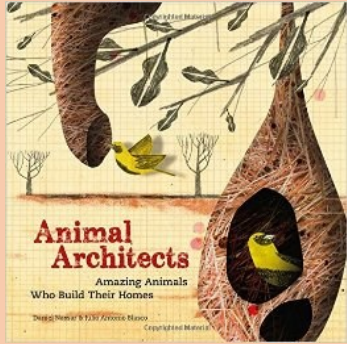


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Curriculum Connections: Animal Habitats: Builders, biomes, life cycles, animal adaptations, building design

Best lends itself for instruction of: Close reading, finding information, compare/contrast, using text features and pictures to understand content

An exploration of how animals build their homes and the amazing structures some of them make. Each animal included has its own “architect” style layout with information, diagrams and an architectural drawing.

Common Core

Primary:

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.1

Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.2

Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.3

Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.

Intermediate:

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.5.1

Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.4

Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 4 topic or subject area.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.5.8

Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point(s).

Text Features:

Table of Contents, Subheadings, Quick Facts, Diagrams

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Lesson Ideas	Text Set Options		
Primary:			
<p>Make a list of the various things that homes provide (safety, shelter, warmth, etc.). Make a list of the types of homes that the students can come up with.</p> <p>Become a naturalist: students create an observational notebook of animals in their yards or at a park.</p> <p>As a class, create a chart of animal homes sightings.</p> <p>As an introduction to animal adaptations, guide students in identifying how each animal shows a different adaptive feature.</p> <p>Make a chart comparing habitats: desert, tropical forest, ocean, etc. Have students decide why animals live in their habitat and would not live comfortably in a different habitat (Why would a polar bear not live comfortably in the desert or ocean?)</p> <p>Give students a box of animal crackers and a picture of different types of habitats. Have students sort the animals into their habitat. Have them compare and discuss the differences.</p>	<p><u>Mama Built a Little Nest</u> Beach Lane Books</p> <p><u>Animals at Home</u> DK Readers</p> <p><u>Animal Homes</u> Kingfisher</p> <p><u>Animals Building Homes</u> Capstone</p> <p>Video: National Geographic, Wild about Animals: Animal Builders</p> <p><u>Crazy Like a Fox: A Simile Story</u> Holiday House</p>	<p>2014</p> <p>2007</p> <p>2013</p> <p>2004</p> <p>2008</p>	<p>Jennifer Ward AR 4.3</p> <p>David Lock AR 2.8</p> <p>Judy Allen Not AR</p> <p>Wendy Perkins AR 3.3</p> <p>Loreen Leedy AR 2.8</p>
Intermediate:			
<p>Ask students to watch either of the videos noted to the right and try to sketch some of the homes they see.</p> <p>Create a chart comparing and contrasting each kind of home.</p> <p>Start a research unit letting pairs of students explore an animal for a project.</p> <p>Collect leaves, sticks, textured paper, etc. Have students invent an animal and the shelter they would live in. Make a collage showing their animal and the shelter it lives in.</p> <p>Create a model of a home for one of the animals in the book using natural materials.</p> <p>Have students write a poem using one of the poems from <u>Good Mousekeeping: and other animal homes poems</u> as a template.</p>	<p>Videos: <u>Animal Homes</u>, PBS <u>Awesome Animal Builders</u> Really Wild Animals, National Geographic 1996-1997</p> <p><u>Animal Architecture</u> Candlewick</p> <p><u>Animal Homes</u> Kingfisher</p> <p><u>Animal Homes</u> Kingfisher Discover Science</p> <p><u>Good Mousekeeping: and other animal home poems</u> Simon & Schuster, Inc.</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2014</p> <p>2012</p> <p>2001</p>	<p>Ingo Arndt Not AR</p> <p>Angela Wilkes AR 4.2</p> <p>Saranne Taylor AR 5.3</p> <p>Patrick J. Lewis AR 4.1</p>
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