



CRITTER KINGDOM

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5 DAYS OF AFTER SCHOOL LESSON PLANS

GRADES K-5

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Children will love learning about cute critters such as foxes, skunks, possums, beavers, and Australian critters like the sugar glider and quokka! Key learning concepts will be fun and exciting as discoveries and games are played! While the lesson plan incorporates many different Pennsylvania Learning Standards, it focuses on the key learning area of "Environment and Ecology". Specifically, children will engage in activities that meet the PA Standard Areas of Science, Social Studies, Art, and Physical Activity.

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SCHEDULE

DAY 1: MAKER MONDAY

PAPER PLATE POSSUMS

30 MINUTES

DAY 2: STEM TUESDAY

BEAVER BUILDERS

30 MINUTES

DAY 3: AROUND THE WORLD WEDNESDAY

CRITTERS FROM "THE LAND DOWN UNDER"

30 MINUTES

DAY 4: ARTSY THURSDAY

FABULOUS FOX

30 MINUTES

DAY 5: FIT FRIDAY

WHAT TIME IS IT, MR. SKUNK?

30 MINUTES

MATERIALS LIST

- Paper plates, cut in half
- Gray and pink construction paper
- Gray and white paints
- Sponges or sponge paintbrushes
- Paintbrushes
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly eyes
- Twigs and sticks
- Acorns
- Various sizes of rocks and pebbles
- Watering can and water
- Aluminum foil
- Long and shallow storage tote
- World map or globe
- Black construction paper
- Black, orange, and white construction paper, torn into small pieces
- Glue sticks

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DAY 1: MAKER MONDAY

PAPER PLATE POSSUMS



ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION

Description of Activity:

- **STEP 1:** Have students use a paint brush to paint their halved-paper plate gray. Once it is slightly dry, use a sponge or sponge brush to add white to the straight edge of the plate. Set aside to dry.
- **STEP 2:** Have students trace the possum templates onto gray construction paper. Cut out with scissors.
- **STEP 3:** Have students cut tiny earpieces and a round nose to add to the possum's head. Use glue to attach these pieces as well as one googly eye.
- **STEP 4:** Use glue to attach the possum's tail and legs.
- **STEP 5:** While students work, share these facts!
 - Possums are different from opossums! Opossums live in North America (where we are) and possums live in Australia!
 - Possums have long heads and pointy snouts. Opossums have shorter faces.
 - Opossums and possums both are marsupials – they have pouches where they keep their babies just like a kangaroo!
 - What did we make? Possums!



DURATION/SCHEDULE

30 minutes



MATERIALS

- Glue
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Paper plates, cut in half
- Activity page: Paper Plate Possum template (provided in the Additional Resources)
- Gray and pink construction paper
- Gray and white paints
- Sponges or sponge paintbrush
- Paintbrushes



LEARNER MODIFICATIONS



GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- Complete multi-step tasks with independence
- Know and use basic elements of visual arts



STANDARDS

- AL.2.2.B
- 9.1.V.2.A