

What is a Watershed? – Indoor Lesson

Grade Kindergarten

Lesson Fall Indoor

Time 30 minutes; conducted in the classroom

Materials *Overheads:*

- Watershed Pledge handout (from website)

From the Portable:

- Bead for each student (color: Blue)
- Copies of Watershed pledge for each student.
- Enviroscape

Other:

- Jello powder or Kool Aid
- Water Spray bottle

Objective:

To introduce students to a “watershed” and the importance of protecting and understanding the wildlife and habitat that exist in a watershed. The Pacific Northwest is unique in that we have salmon that live in our watershed.

Lesson:

1. Introduce yourself to the class and let students know that you’re here to talk about the Wilder Watershed Program that lasts from Kindergarten through 5th grade.
2. *Ask the class: What is the Watershed?* A watershed is land around us. When rain hits the ground and washes down the street and parking lots, it collects in the drains. The water then empties into the creeks and streams and then into rivers and lakes. Anything that is on the ground when its rain washes into the water too. That is why we need to be careful with things like trash and chemicals. We share the watershed with many plants and animals like fish, insects, birds and frogs. We have a special fish that lives in our watershed. Salmon. We want you to learn and respect and care for your watershed.
3. Demonstrate that with the enviroscape. Allow kids to sprinkle different color jello powder then spray it with water.
4. Read the Watershed Pledge – have students take it home and share it with their parents.

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5. Show students the Watershed Necklace – show the bead they earn for the pledge. Explain they earn beads with all their lessons and will get to keep the necklaces when they graduate from elementary.
6. Remind students of the date of their upcoming outing and to remember to wear a jacket or coat, long pants and boots or old shoes.