

Lesson Plan: Penguins

Grade Level: Grade One

Curriculum Design: Students will be able to write a story, five to seven sentences long, about penguins using the internet to research penguins.

Search topics/Keywords: penguins/elementary/games/lesson plans

Outcome:

Students will be able to answer the following questions: (Choose 4 out of the 8 questions to answer)

- How many kinds of penguins are there?
- Where do penguins live?
- What do penguins eat?
- Do penguins fly?
- Which penguin is the tallest? Which is the smallest?
- What is a penguin's body covered with?
- How long does it take for a penguin chick to hatch?
- Who are penguin enemies?

Content: To gather information on this topic, you can visit these websites:

<http://enchantedlearning.com/classroom/K1/penguins.html> This site offers a scavenger hunt for young readers. It also includes charts, diagrams, and information on penguins.

<http://marcias-lesson-links.com/penguincapers.html> A site with dancing penguins! There is a list of books for students. Has many links to other penguin sites. Offers penguin hands on activities. Also has a poetry/songs link.

<http://www.geocities.com/teachingwithheart/penguinsunit.html> A valuable site for information on penguins to work on research questions.

The Fun Part! Songs to sing and games to play!

<http://www.kidzone.ws/animals/penguins> You can check out some songs to sing and also play a game or two as well as take a quiz on your penguin knowledge

<http://www.stepbystep.com/animals/penguins.html> On this website you can put your own jigsaw puzzle together. You can choose puzzle piece size and how big and challenging you want your puzzle to be.

<http://projects.edtech.sandi.net/encanto/penguins/> This is a webquest designed for kindergarten, but includes some valuable information for first grade too.

http://coe.west.asu.edu/students/phanover/penguin_student_page.html A site that offers many game links, such as memory games w/animal sounds, make up your own story, and jigsaw puzzles.

Homework Assignment/Evaluation:

Using the facts that you learned about penguins from answering the above questions, write a short story, five to seven sentences long, about penguins. Your story can be fiction or non-fiction, but needs to include the four penguin facts that you answered from the questions above.