Water Field Day

For Elementary School Students

Teach children about water with interactive games and activities. This guide provides a brief description of each water activity, a materials list, concepts to be learned by each grade level's activity, and a link to more specific instructions.



Grades K-1

Learn about the process of evaporation with the <u>Handprint</u> <u>Evaporation</u> activity

Materials Needed:

- A bowl of water
- A sunny sidewalk
- A shady sidewalk

Grade 2

Learn about the hydrologic cycle with <u>Water Cycle in a Bag</u> activity.

Materials Needed:

- 2 Tablespoons of water
- A plastic zippered baggie
- Tape

Concepts

Grades Evaporation K-1

Grade 2 The Hydrologic Cycle

Grade 3 Surface Tension

Grade 4 Water Filtration

Grade 5 Ground Water

Grade 6 Pollution



Activities and Materials Sorted by Grade Level

Grade 3

Have <u>fun with bubbles</u> and learn about surface tension.

Materials Needed:

- 5 gallon bucket
- Liquid dish soap
- Bubble wand (see link for options)

Grade 4

<u>Create a basic water filter</u> out of different materials and turn dirty water into "clean" water.

Materials Needed:

- 2 2-Liter soda bottles (empty)
- A homemade filter (sock, paper towel, sponge, cotton balls, etc.)
- Contaminants (cooking oil, laundry soap, dirt, grass, etc.)

Grade 5

Learn how groundwater is formed and how water flows through different kinds of sediment with an experiment in <u>Groundwater Movement</u>.

Materials Needed:

- 2-Liter soda bottles
- Various sediment materials (sand, clay, gravel, etc.)
- Food coloring

Grade 6

Learn about sources of pollution while playing the <u>Healthy Water Hopscotch</u> game

Materials Needed:

- Garden stakes
- Plastic cups
- Foam or plastic "tokens"



We never know the worth of water till the well is dry. ~Thomas Fuller, *Gnomologia*, 1732

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