



YAK'S CORNER TEACHER GUIDE

This week we read about the pop group Dream Street. We also learned how squirrels prepare for winter.

Paper Caper

ACTIVITY: Humans don't gather nuts and seeds to prepare for winter, but they do participate in activities to celebrate the season. Some activities have to do with weather; others have to do with the holidays. Search your newspaper for stories, pictures and advertisements that show how people prepare for winter, then create a booklet that explains some of the ways people prepare for winter.

STANDARDS: Students will read materials for the purpose of finding specific information. Students will make inferences based on text they have read.

Animal Antics

ACTIVITY: You've learned that squirrels use their tails for many things. Other animals do, too. Many pets use their tails to show emotion. Think about your pets — or if you don't have any pets, think of your friends' pets. Then make a list of the things pets do with their tails and what emotion is being expressed. What similarities do you see among different animals' behaviors? What differences do you see?



Squirrels use their tails to keep warm and to communicate with one another.

PAUL SCHMID/SEATTLE TIMES

STANDARDS: Students will study animals and their behaviors. Students will make comparisons based on observation.

Preparation Plan

ACTIVITY: Make a web diagram of activities your family does to prepare for winter. Each offshoot of the web should represent a different way your family prepares. Try to think of at least four categories, with five items in each category. For example, one category might be "holiday preparations," and the items might include making cookies, decorating your house, going to church, buying gifts and writing holiday cards.

STANDARDS: Students will use and interpret a variety of graphic organizing devices. Students will categorize items based on specific criteria.

Seedy Characters

ACTIVITY: Squirrels aren't the only animals that distribute seeds. Draw a picture in which you show several animals that can be found where you live. Near each animal write a few sentences about what seeds that animal distributes and how it does so.

STANDARD: Students will study and understand animal habitats and the ways animal behaviors affect those habitats.

Band Biography

ACTIVITY: Many bands have Web sites so fans can find information about band members, see photographs and check tour dates. Search the Internet for your favorite band's site. Read about the band members, and then write a brief biography, in your own words, about each band member.

STANDARDS: Students will study various genres of writing, including biography. Students will read and summarize passages of writing.

TEACHERS: if you have any ideas for activities we could add, let us know! Send an e-mail to KRT OnePages at krt-onepages@krtinfo.com.



YAK'S CORNER ACTIVITY SHEET

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Winter Preparation

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Cat	
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