

Using Nature to Meet Educational Standards

SOCIAL STUDIES

First Grade

Activity #1:

Materials: none

Head outside to the classroom or school grounds. Look for animals. As a group, discuss what these animals would need to survive - food, water, shelter, and space. Is this the same or different as you? Same!

Look for homes in the outdoor classroom or school grounds. Homes could include bird or squirrel nests in trees, holes in the ground, a chrysalis or cocoon, a web in a protected area, etc.

Find five examples of animal's homes. How are these homes different from each other? How are they the same?

How are these homes the same as ours? How are they different?

Discuss that just like different animals have different kinds of homes, people have different kinds of homes, too. What are the different kinds of human homes? How are they similar? How are they different?