



Technology Integration Lesson

Plainville Community Schools

LESSON TITLE: The Food Chain

GRADE: Third

OBJECTIVE: Students will use Kidspiration to illustrate the food chain.

CURRICULUM CONNECTION:

4a. Some animals eat plants and others eat the animals that eat plants which is part of the food chain cycle.

MATERIALS: Kidspiration template, Kidspiration, computer, printer, SmartBoard if available to demonstrate

Note: You may need to do a quick review of how to add a linked symbol, how to change a symbol, and how to move symbols.

PROCEDURE: (Read to students)

Today we're going to use Kidspiration to tell about the food chain.

1. Find your third grade folder on the Dock. Click on it one time.
2. Find the folder that says Technology Templates. Double click on it.
3. Find the document that says 3-habitats. Double click on it.
4. Read the directions to yourself, then we'll read them together.
5. Let's do one together, then you'll do two by yourself.
6. Click on the orange button in the symbol library. Select the plants library. Click on the picture _____. That picture is now on your paper. Move it to the top left.
7. Click the add linked symbol button. Move that new symbol to the right of the plant symbol. Make sure after you've moved it that it still has the corner handles. If it does not, then click off of it one time and click on it one time.
8. Now go the _____ animal library. What is an animal that eats that plant? Click on _____ one time and the blank symbol will change to that picture.
9. Click the add linked symbol button. Move that new symbol to the right of that animal symbol. Make sure after you've moved it that it still has the corner handles. If it does not, then click off of it one time and click on it one time.
10. Now go the _____ animal library. What is an animal that eats that animal? Click on _____ one time and the blank symbol will change to that picture.
11. Do this one more time to complete this food chain.
12. Now you'll need to do two more below this one, using different animals.
(Allow time for completion of activity.)
13. It's time to save our work. Click on File, select Save. Navigate to your documents folder. Name the file "habitats." Click the save button.
14. Once the file is saved we need to print. Click on File, select Print. Click the blue print button.
15. Quit out of Kidspiration by selecting Kidspiration, Quit Kidspiration.



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EVALUATION: Teacher observation or teacher created rubric.

EXTENSION: Students add a text box below each food chain and write two or more sentences about that food chain.

EXAMPLE:

Directions: Use symbols from the animal and plant libraries to illustrate two different food chains. Be sure to click the name button to put your name on your document.

