



Grade 4 Unit Letter: I Will Survive

March 31, 2011

Central Idea: Every living thing has an interdependent relationship with its unique habitat

Organizing Theme: Sharing the Planet

Description: An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.

Subject Focus: This unit is linked with the Ontario Curriculum Science unit of 'Habitats and Communities.'

Inquiry Into:

- Characteristics and components of diverse habitats
- Causes and effects of change in habitats
- Our responsibility towards changing habitats

Suggestions for activities at home:

- Reflect with your daughter on the types of habitats you have visited
- Discuss Ottawa's unique habitat
- Encourage your daughter to identify the animals and vegetation of her Ottawa habitat and of the habitats you may have visited or read about
- Explore and discuss concepts such as adaptation, symbiosis and echolocation

Mark Your Calendar

April 6th ~ Kiwanis Music trip (a.m.) and Student-Led Conferences (p.m.)

April 4~14th ~ Spring clean and help send girls to school in Africa! Please drop off gently used books and/or toys to the Junior School Office for our upcoming White Elephant Sale.

April 15th ~ White Elephant Sale

April 22~25th ~ Spring Holiday

April 30th ~ Elmwood Gala

If you have knowledge or expertise relating to Habitats that you would like to share with the Grade 4 class, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

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