

AOE Supplemental Resources for VPR Programming

Bats

- National Geographic Kids: <u>5 Reasons Why Bats Are the Best</u> (science; grades)
 This article contains facts about bats.
- National Geographic Kids: <u>Bat Myths Busted!</u> (science). This article disproves popular myths about bats.
- Scholastic: <u>Into the Bat Cave: 7 Science Activities</u> (science). This resource contains facts about bats as well as learning activities.
- Texas Parks and Wildlife: <u>Keep Texas Wild</u> (science). This resource includes the PDF, <u>Hanging Around with Bats</u>, as well as discussion questions and activities.
- PBS Learning Media: <u>Wild Kratts Video Clips</u> (science; grades 1-5). This
 collection contains informational video clips, support materials, and linked
 standards.
- Storytime Readalouds: <u>Bats</u> (literacy; grades 1-4). This YouTube video is a readaloud of an informational text about bats.
- Storyline Online: <u>Stellaluna</u> (literacy; PreK-2). In this YouTube video, Pamela Reed reads the famous children's book, written and illustrated by Janell Cannon.
- Sesame Street: <u>Batty Bat</u> (music; movement; grades PreK-K). This classic song on YouTube by Sesame Street's Count Von Count, leads younger children in a waltz counting bats.
- PBS Learning Media: <u>Bat Mobile</u> (fine motor; grades PreK-K). This printable
 mobile craft features Sesame Street character, Count Von Count, and his Muppet
 bats. Younger students can practice grasp and fine motor skills by using crayons
 and scissors.

Beavers

• PBS Learning Media: <u>Beavers</u> (science). This video about beavers is accompanied by support materials and standards alignment.

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- National Geographic Kids: <u>Slideshow</u> (science). This slideshow contains images and facts about beavers.
- PBS Learning Media: <u>Build a Dam like a Beaver</u> (engineering, design; K-2). This video and supporting material discuss and explore strategies to stop and divert water flow using basic materials.
- Teach Engineering: <u>Engineering for the Three Little Pigs</u> (engineering, design; grades 2-3). This video guides students through testing the strength of different building materials.
- Art extension: <u>Artist Discussion Questions & Extension Activity</u> (visual arts; grades 4-6). This is a PDF with discussion questions on the work of Patrick Dougherty & Andy Goldsworthy and a general art-making activity.
- Stickwork.net: <u>Patrick Dougherty</u> (visual arts; grades 4-6). This is the site of a contemporary artist who uses natural materials to construct site-specific artworks. <u>This video</u> shows a time lapse of his work.
- Living your Wild Creativity: <u>Andy Goldsworthy</u> (visual arts; grades 4-6). This is an online gallery of work by environmental artist Andy Goldsworthy.
- Little Readers Read Aloud: <u>Boris Beaver</u> (literacy; PreK-1). This YouTube video is a read aloud of the children's book written and illustrated by Marcus Pfister.
- Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences (VINS) <u>Building a Beaver Dam</u>.
 (engineering, literacy; grades PreK-5) In this hands-on activity, students build and test their dams. Prompts are available for students to respond and reflect verbally or through writing or drawing.

