

Beauty of the Beasts



Join the celebration of nature through the eyes of elementary students from around the world. "Beauty of the Beasts" is a global project inviting children to capture the grandeur and magnificence of animals indigenous to their areas through original artwork and poetry. The students' work will be compiled into a worldwide exhibit, and displayed at numerous galleries throughout the United States, the American Museum of Natural History, May, 2004, the iEARN Annual Conference in Hluboka, Czech Republic, July 2003. Selected works will also be displayed in a global online gallery. All artwork must be the child's original masterpiece...a pure spontaneous view for the child's interpretation of the beauty and uniqueness of these marvelous creatures. All mediums accepted (no 3-D). Size

restrictions: 12"x18" maximum. All poetry must be the child's original work. The display will provide a venue for children's eloquent expressions as each child contributes his/her own verse to nature's eternal poem. All poetry styles are acceptable. Children may participate in either art or poetry divisions, or are welcome to submit work in both. Please include the child's name, age, teacher's name, school address and email address.

I was so nervous that my Kindergarten students would not understand the Beauty of the Beasts project, but they have embraced the work, and truly enjoy doing it. The Social Studies teacher has agreed to reinforce the unit by teaching about the neighborhood animals next time she visits. The art teacher has offered to bring all kinds of paints, pastels, etc. for the children to create their artwork. I have implemented the writing piece over the past few days. The children love working in their small groups of 2 or 3. It is so amazing to see how independent they have become since September. I would like to say thank you to iEARN, for opening my mind to the possibility that my students CAN do a project like this. The students are having a wonderful time, and so am I!

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Ages: 4-16

Project languages: Any

Project Web Site:

http://aces.miamicountryday.org/International_Projects/Beautypagenew.htm

Curriculum area: Social Studies, Creative Arts, Science, Language Arts