

<h2>Natural Disasters</h2>	
Objective	Students will learn about the different types of natural disasters that occur on earth. Groups of students will be assigned a different natural disaster to make a presentation about on Live Documents Presentations.
Learning Environment	This class will have at least four different computers in the room, so groups of students can work cooperatively on them. The computers will have internet access.
Types of Students	The students will be in grades 3-5.
Standards	<p style="text-align: right;">ES.1</p> <p>Students investigate, through laboratory and fieldwork, the universe, the Earth, and the processes that shape the Earth. They understand that the Earth operates as a collection of interconnected systems that may be changing or may be in equilibrium. Students connect the concepts of energy, matter, conservation, and gravitation to the Earth, solar system, and universe. Students utilize knowledge of the materials and processes of the Earth, planets, and stars in the context of the scales of time and size.</p> <p>http://dc.doe.in.gov/Standards/AcademicStandards/StandardSearch.aspx</p>
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer • Internet Access • Live Documents account • Earth Science Textbook
Procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will be divided into groups of four. 2. In these groups, students will be given one natural disaster to research: volcano eruption, landslide, earthquake, flood. 3. Each group will study the textbook and learn about their specific natural disaster. 4. After they have accumulated enough information, they will make a presentation on Live Documents Presentations including facts, other information, and pictures. 5. After the presentations are complete, they will present their slideshow to the rest of the class, and will be graded on their presentation and group work.
Application	Using Live Documents, students will learn about a natural disaster and will share information with their group to go on the slideshow.

Evaluation

The students will present their slideshow to the entire class. They will be graded on their teamwork, presentation, and communication skills.

- Teamwork—20 pts.
- Presentation—20 pts.
- Communication—10pts.

Assignment total: 50 pts.