Wildlife Animals in Indiana

Grade Level: 2-3

Writing Lesson

Note: This lesson would be easier to complete if students had established basic computing knowledge.

Objective:

Students will work on a computer to find different pictures of different wildlife that inhabit Indiana. They will use Flickr, an online site to find their pictures and create a narrative.

Materials:

- Computer with internet connection, Flickr account, and Pictures of the following animals:
  - White-tailed deer
  - Red-tailed hawk
  - Eastern wild turkey
  - Bobwhite
  - Quail
  - Eastern garter snake
  - Cottontail
  - Opossum
  - Raccoon
  - Beaver
  - Red fox
  - Striped skunk
  - Coyote

Procedures:

1. Upload pictures from a list of wildlife animals found in Indiana.
2. Pull up account of pictures through Flickr.com on projector for students.
3. Tell students purpose and description of lesson.
   *Example: "While using the pictures for inspiration, I want you to write a story about the animals in the picture. Don't worry too much about spelling, just focus on creating a detailed description."
4. Allow students to write for 15-20 minutes.
5. Ask a few students to share stories.
6. Continue to follow procedure as many times as time will allow.

Standards:

- This lesson covers standard five writing application for second grade students in Indiana.
- This lesson also incorporates standard two design and develop digital-age learning experiences and assessments of NETS.

**This lesson is great for journal entries, and is easy to make variations or to apply to different topics.