



Teacher's Corner Lesson Plans

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Weed Whackers*

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Grade level: Grades 3 - 5.

Provincial curriculum links: Ontario.

Subject: Science and Technology, Mathematics.

Keywords: Plants, Weeds.

Description

The children assemble outside with bags, gloves and trowels in hand. A short explanation of how to dig up the weed (roots and all) and an explanation the process of counting (tally) is given. Then we are off!

Curriculum Framework

Topic: Habitat and Communities

Strand: Life Systems (grade 4)

Specific Lesson Goals:

- Describe ways in which humans can affect the natural world
- Compile data gathered through investigation in order to record and present results, using tally charts, and labelled graphs

Topic: Mathematics

Strand - Data Management and Probability (grade 4)

Specific Lesson Goals:

- Collecting, organizing, and analysing data
- Concluding and reporting

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Preparation

Preparation time: 30 minutes

Length of lesson: Variable, depending upon curricular areas covered.

Resources required:

- garbage bags
- gloves
- trowels
- clipboards
- tally sheets
- pencils

Educator Notes

This can be used at any grade level from primary to junior. One year, it became a school challenge. The most successful class was rewarded with a pizza party.