

Lesson Plan: SCIENCE “Make a paper plate turtle”

Teacher: _____ Grade: 1st Dates: _____

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: MAKE A TURTLE OUT OF A PAPER PLATE AND TISSUE

LEARNING STANDARDS OBJECTIVE:

TEKS 112.12 Science, 1st Grade

1.10.A Organisms and environments. The student knows that organisms resemble their parents and have structures and processes that help them survive within their environments.

The student is expected to investigate how the external characteristics of an animal are related to where it lives, how it moves, and what it eats.

MATERIALS:

Gracie Lou Wants A Zoo Book.

Paper plate

Tissue paper, cut into 1-inch squares – can use green or different colors for a more colorful turtle

Glue and small paintbrush

Google eyes

Turtle template (see link below) (use green paper or color green)

INSTRUCTIONS/ACTIVITY:

After reading *Gracie Lou Wants a Zoo*, discuss how the physical characteristics of the animals help them survive in their environments. For example, monkeys have strong arms and tails to swing from tree to tree. Giraffes have long necks to reach leaves on the tops of trees. Elephants’ trunks help them pick up food and water. Ducks webbed feet help them paddle. Turtles have shells for protection since they move so slowly.

Activity: Kids can make a paper plate turtle with a unique shell.

- Turn paper plate upside down and brush with glue.
- Cover in tissue squares.
- Cut out turtle head, legs and tail. Attach google eyes to head and draw in mouth and nostrils.
- Glue head, legs and tail to paper plate to complete the turtle.

RESOURCES:

For turtle template and more complete instruction

<https://www.firefliesandmudpies.com/tissue-paper-and-paper-plate-turtle-craft/>