2017-2018 Third Grade

Programs offered to all Meigs County Schools are FREE of charge. Programs range from 30-45 minutes and can be combined and modified. Contact Jenny Ridenour at the Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District at 992-4282 from 8a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or email jenny.ridenour@oh.nacdnet.net to schedule a class presentation. Please schedule at least a week in advance.

This is not a complete list of programs. I will also develop a program to meet any environmental education need. If you don't see a program that you used before, it is still available.

The 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

I will go over what can and can't be recycled in Meigs County. I will discuss nonrenewable and renewable resources. We will discover why it is important to conserve even the renewable resources. We will discuss the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling paper and other products.

Rocks and Minerals

Many kinds of rocks and minerals are brought into the classroom. Students will use a simple key and tests to classify the samples. Tests include color, texture, size, magnetism, grain size, streak, and hardness.

Soil Play dough

Students learn the difference between sand, silt, and clay. Then add decaying materials, water, and air to make soil play dough. Soil samples will show differences in color and composition.

Candy Soil

Students become soil scientists and discover the components that make up soil. This program uses candy as the components of soil. Soil horizons and profiles can also be discussed.

Worms

Worms make the world go 'round. Students will learn about worms and composting. Students discover that worms are interesting critters not only eating banana peels, apple cores and eggshells but improve our <u>soil</u> as well. A worm bin will be brought into the classroom.

Trees

Students will learn about the parts of a tree. They will observe variations in how trees spread their seeds, leaf shape and size, and bark color and textures. The life cycle of trees will also be investigated.

Ohio Wild Animals

Students see and touch pelts from Ohio's wildlife. Students learn about the life histories of many common Ohio mammals by examining their skulls, fur and tracks. This program discusses the adaptations and behaviors of several Ohio mammals. Track molds can be requested for students to make their own Ohio animal track.