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Re: Real Science-4-Kids Biology, Level I

Chapter 1 Notes

We've begun our academic year at home and we're well into the biology textbook. This year we're going to create a study folder with a section for each chapter.

I originally thought of having my son take notes on each chapter and place his notes in his science notebook, but the author of the textbook came up with something that works even better for us. For each chapter, there are colorful note prompts to fill in that capture all the important facts. After filling in all the notes and the mini-flip pages for each chapter, you cut them out and paste them in a folder section. I think this is going to make learning the facts much easier.

There are no photos on the author's website, which made it a small challenge to figure out how the whole contraption is put together. At the end of the week, when we set up the first panel, I'll send out a photo. See the biology study folder here:

http://gravitaspublications.com/_product_36077/Study_Folder_for_Level_I_Biology

Web Resources

We're using several web pages to delve into classification and taxonomy. Here are links:

The Five Kingdoms of Life

<http://www.factmonster.com/science/biology/five-kingdoms.html>

Encyclopedia: The Animal Kingdom

<http://www.factmonster.com/dk/science/encyclopedia/animal-kingdom.html>

Classifying Animals

<http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0776195.html>

Student Workbook

Lab Next week, we will work on the student workbook. There are several good exercises on classification. We'll use the folder panel we create this week to keep drilling the facts.

Biology Connects to Language

We'll also spend a day or two on chapter 1 of Biology Connects to Language to get our Latin and Greek roots straight. Those that are studying Latin or Greek this year may benefit from doing this workbook concurrently with the biology curriculum. See it here:

http://gravitaspublications.com/_product_36002/Level_1_Biology_Connects_to_Language