Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

Teachable Moments: A Guide for Your Fieldtrip

Ralph W. Schreiber Hall of Birds, Grade K

Gallery Description: The Schreiber Bird Hall features three walk through habitats and 27 interactive stations on bird biology. In the Bird Hall students can explore flight mechanics, anatomy of birds, adaptations and behavior, how the nests birds build are characteristic for their species, how the American Condor was saved from extinction, conservation and preservation of marshes, and rainforests.

Language Arts Activities

- Gather at the entrance of the reference room (the room with mounted specimens and cabinets).

  Instruct students to walk very slowly through the reference room while completing the following sentence frame, "I see a bird with _____."

Science Activities

- Have students explore the reference room (the room with mounted specimens and cabinets).

  Ask students, "What do the birds all have?" "How are they alike and similar?" (beaks, wings, feathers. ..)

Social Science Activities

- Direct students to find the bald eagle in the reference room (It is near the condors).

  Explain that it is a symbol for the United States.

*These activities support the following **Kindergarten** California State Standards:*

Language Arts
Reading 1.18: Describe common objects and events in both general and specific language.
Speaking Applications 2.1: Describe people, places, things (e.g., size, color, shape), locations, and actions.

Science
Life Science 2c: Students know how to identify major structures of common plants and animals (e.g., stems, leaves, roots, arms, wings, legs).

Social Studies
K.2 Students recognize national and state symbols and icons such as the national and state flags, the bald eagle, and the Statue of Liberty.