

WATERSHED EDUCATION BOX FOR GRADES 3-5

Sponsored by the Southwest Florida Water Management District to promote water resources education in west-central Florida schools

WHAT IS THE WATERSHED EDUCATION BOX?

The Watershed Education Box is an exciting collection of teaching and learning materials designed to support student achievement of Sunshine State Standards and benchmarks in Language Arts — reading, writing and literature. Many of the activities and student tasks also support achievement of standards and benchmarks in science and in social studies. The 200-plus page teacher's curriculum includes writing prompts, tasks to aid in preparation for the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test and engaging student activities.

WHAT IS IN THE WATERSHED EDUCATION BOX?

Posters: Watersheds — Where We Live will help students begin to think about watersheds and their importance.

Animal Survivors of the Wetlands: This book is an excellent resource for animal research assignments and provides background information for students.

Puppets: From butterfly to eagle, alligator to manatee — This collection of watershed creatures will allow for students' creative, hands-on application of knowledge.

The Water Books: *If I Had a Wish for Water; Rainy, Rainy Day; The Amazing, Magic Potion; and The Legend of Halpate Chobi* are publications of the Environmental and Energy Alliance at Florida State University and the South Florida Water Management District. A CD of the four stories is also included in the box.

Esmeralda and the Enchanted Pond; The Sea, The Storm and the Mangrove Tangle; Sinkholes; A Drop of Water; and The Nature of Florida's Waterways: These books are excellent resources for research assignments.

Where the River Begins: The Education Box contains 10 copies of this beautiful book to enable you to conduct whole-class activities.

River Voices and River Voices II: These collections contain students' poems and stories about rivers. Activities in this section provide an opportunity for students to respond to other students' writings.

Watersheds, Wetlands & Wildlife video: This is a great introduction to watersheds, filmed along Florida's St. Johns River.

