



CHALLENGE #3: CREATE AN AQUATIC CRITTER

JULY 19th-26th

When there are lots of different aquatic critters in a creek, that means that our water is healthy! This week you can create your own critter that would live in a healthy creek, stream, or the Cumberland River.

LOCATION: Your neighborhood, your backyard, your house, or anywhere else you can find nature!

MATERIALS:

1. Anything that you can find to create with (sticks, leaves, paper, pipe cleaners, glue, grass, cotton balls, pencil, paper).



PARENT NOTES:

You may want to help students get their materials, just to make sure nothing important goes missing!

INSTRUCTION:

1. Your challenge this week is to design and create your very own aquatic critter made from things that you find around your home or outside.
2. Gather your materials. These can be natural materials (leaves, sticks, grass) or things that you find in your house (pipe cleaners, googly eyes, napkins, anything!). You can also draw your critter on a piece of paper.
3. Brainstorm what you want your critter to look like! Here are some guidelines. The critter should be aquatic (able to live in the water) and it should have features that help it eat, move, and protect itself from predators.
 - a. For eating does your critter have any of the following:
 - i. Big teeth
 - ii. Claws to catch prey
 - iii. A mouth to capture prey
 - b. For moving, does your critter have any of the following:
 - i. Legs to run or walk
 - ii. Fins to swim through water
 - iii. Does it wiggle like a snake?
 - c. To protect itself from predators, does your critter:
 - i. Have a shell or tough skin to protect it?
 - ii. Swim very fast so it can escape?
 - iii. Have spines to keep predators away?
4. Create your critter with all of the materials that you found!
5. Give your critter a creative name!
6. BONUS: Create and share a story about your critter with us on social media: Instagram: @crcompact and Twitter: @The_Compact.

SUBMIT TO BE THIS WEEK'S WINNER!

Find a parent or adult and have them help you **submit a picture** of the critter that you created. Enter through this link: <https://bit.ly/summer-challenge-2020> by **Sunday, July 26th at midnight!**