

THE WUMP WORLD

INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITY

Materials: white scrap paper, petroleum jelly

Procedure: Choose several areas to test the quality of the air that surrounds your building --- playground, kitchen, nearby park, next to a road, etc. Cut cards from white scrap paper and label each card with its location. Spread a layer of clear petroleum jelly on the cards. Tack the card (jelly side up) in each location. After a week, gather the cards and look at the jelly. What can be observed? Which location produced the most dirt?

CORE ACTIVITY

Materials: The Wump World by Bill Peet, "Wump" patterns, crayons, craft (popsickle) sticks, scissors, glue

Procedure: Show the children the cover of the book with a picture of the "Wumps" on it and tell them they need to help tell the story. Pass the "Wump" pattern out to the children and ask them to color it, then cut out the "Wump" and the pattern for the back. Put glue on both sides of the popsickle stick and place it between the colored picture and the backing.

Have students practice the sounds the Wumps make: "Wump, wump, wump." Ask them to practice happy, sad, surprised, and frightened sounds for the Wumps.

Read the book and share the pictures, pausing for the children to insert "Wump" sounds.

Discuss what both children and adults can do to prevent air pollution. (Plant flowers, grass and trees; not smoke; walk instead of taking a car; etc.)

