



Living Materials General Information



Plan for Care of Animals

- Be sure to provide a good classroom location for the animals. Many animals cannot be in direct sunlight because of the heat.
- Take a few minutes before you leave for the weekend to make sure they will be OK (feeding, enough water, etc.)
- What will you do with them after the unit is over? Give them to another class to study, release them into nature (be very careful, some are not friends of our plants and should not be released <read the manual>), or set up a permanent home in the classroom for them to remain all year. Whatever you do, have a plan.



Plan for the Unexpected

- Untimely deaths are a nature occurrence while studying live materials in the classroom. Be prepared to comfort, explain, and consol those students that may need it when the time comes.
- Be flexible and deal with each situation as it comes up.
- Remember: animals die...it is part of the life cycle, a fact of life, and what keeps our world in balance.

Respect for Living Animals

- Model the correct way to handle and care for animals
- Instill a sense of responsibility within the students for the well-being of the animals.
- Discuss the beauty and value of each organism to help those not comfortable around the animals.

