



Cooper Mountain Elementary

2009-2010

Ecosystems/Tidepools: \$1,000

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The focus of this project is educating students about the tide pool animals along the Oregon coastline – their ecosystems, adaptations caused by the environment and fragility of this environment in which we live. This project will help students appreciate the fact that subtle changes in an environment, such as tide pools, will have long-range effects on humans. Classroom learning will include research reports, mapping of the ocean currents and the ocean’s importance to our planet. The study will culminate with a field trip to the Marine Hatfield Science Center in Newport.

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5th Grade Challenge to Care: \$505

This service project combines economic learning with social awareness, and was created to empower students to know that with hard work, determination and knowledge they can make a difference in others’ lives. Students will be given money to donate to a non-profit organization. Students will investigate to find a cause they are passionate about. Students will engage in pursuits that will “grow their money” (matching funds, donations). Progress will be documented in writing and photographic journals. The 5th graders will use their materials to create display boards to present information about their chosen organization.