

Spring Animals

This activity accompanies “A Spring Wooing,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5188.

Activity Title: Spring Animals

Description: The students will write a poem about animals that remind them of springtime.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a poem about animals that remind him or her of springtime.

Materials:

- “A Spring Wooing” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Construction paper
- Colored pencils, markers, crayons, etc.

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea and dialect of the poem. Next, have the students think about animals that remind them of springtime. Then, have the students write a spring themed poem, including an animal and how that animal reminds them of springtime. When the students are finished, have them illustrate and publish their poems. If there is time, have the students share their poems in small groups.

