Backyard at the Zoo

When you step out of the door of your house you are stepping into a "Zoo" full of wild and wonderful living things! Backyards, front yards, school yards and parks are their own zoos, chock full of birds, insects, mammals, lizards and plants.

Take a look at the poster "Backyard at the Zoo", how many wild and wonderful living things can you name?

Here are the common names of some of the plants and animals that are found on the poster:

LADYBUG  ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD  MILKWEED

HUMMINGBIRD SAGE  FOX SQUIRREL  WESTERN FENCE LIZARD

California State Science Standards Covered:

Life Science

Kindergarten  Grade One  Grade two  Grade Three
2.a., 2.c.  2.b., 2.c., 2.e.  2.b., 2.d., 2.e., 2.f.  3.a., 3.d.
Backyard Zoo

Color your own backyard zoo.
Butterfly Parts

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

WINGS THORAX ABDOMEN

LEGS HEAD ANTENNAE

Once your butterfly parts are labeled, color your butterfly.
Metamorphosis

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

EGG    LARVA    PUPA    ADULT

Once your metamorphic cycle is labeled, color it in.

EXTENSION

On a separate piece of paper write a short story about a butterfly. Within your story identify and explain the stages of metamorphosis.
Plant Parts

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

STEM  FLOWER  LEAF  ROOTS

Once your plant parts are labeled, color your plant.

Color the roots BROWN
Color the flower RED
Color the leaves DARK GREEN
Color the stem LIGHT GREEN
Living Things

Complete the crossword puzzle using the clues and word list.

CLUES

Across
1. The sugary liquid in flowers that lures insects that aid in pollination
5. The underground stem of such plants as onions and irises
7. A plant part that grows from the stem and helps the plant get air and make food
8. A tree that produces seeds inside of cones
11. A change in the body form of an organism
13. The passing of traits from parent to offspring

Down
2. A young organism that is just beginning to grow
3. Plant cell that makes food for the plant
4. A living thing
6. A device that uses glass lenses to see very small things
9. To begin growing
10. A plant part that supports the plant

WORD LIST
Bulb  Cell  Chloroplast
Conifer  Embryo  Germinate
Heredity  Leaf  Microscope
Nectar  Organism  Stem
Metamorphosis