

NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE

What are these students doing?

- Experimenting with the physics of flotation?
- Observing the behavior of dragonflies?
- Determining if a sora rail is hidden in the cattails?
- Observing the behavior of mosquitofish?
- Calculating the number of cattail plants?
- Preparing to determine the pH of the water?



Science is the art of learning how to frame research questions. An outdoors experience is the best way to stimulate a child's imagination to ask questions.

Millipedes are symbiotic with one species of ant (Aphanogaster.) The millipede lives in the ant nest when there has been no rain, eating the ants stored food. When the ant nest is attacked, the millipede releases a chemical from its spiracles that drives the ants' enemy (a species of army ant) away. Aphanogaster ants have no sting and cannot bite. They are the only ant with large entrance holes to their nest, just so the millipede can easily enter.



Watching plants and animals can develop observational skills in students of all ages, from pre-K to college level. How many species of bee are seen in these photographs? Get to know Sibley's Michael Nickell, a superb entomologist.



The staff of the Sibley Nature Center is excited about working with MISD teachers, correlating outdoor activities with the new C-Scope curriculum, and giving teachers another resource for classroom learning aligned with the C-Scope curriculum with our website photoessays and essays.

Call Burr Williams at 684 6827, or email him at bwilliams@sibleynaturecenter.org to set up a visit to the Nature Center, a visit to the school, or to discuss how to use the website.

Keep Midland Beautiful is seeking funding to give 100 15 gallon trees to MISD elementary schools. Each school will receive 3, but 4 schools will receive 4 trees. The fifth grade class at each school will be asked to participate in the planning of the location of the trees, and the planting of the trees. Please call Doreen Richardson at 687 7400, or email her at keepmidlandbeautiful@clearwire.net for more information.