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*"What makes the desert beautiful,' said the little prince, 'is that somewhere
it hides a well..."*

— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Teacher Helps Children Learn About Nature in Nepal

Anil Adhikari loves teaching children about nature. He works in Nepal, a beautiful country with tall mountains and forests. For over twenty years, Anil has visited schools to share stories about animals and trees.

Anil uses picture books and fun activities to teach students. He shows them how important forests are for their communities. Children learn about wildlife like snow leopards that live in the mountains. These big cats are rare and special.

The students become excited about protecting nature. They go home and tell their families what they learned. This helps spread knowledge about taking care of the environment. Parents learn new ways to help their local area stay healthy.

Anil started a group that works to save snow leopards. He also writes books and magazines about conservation. His hard work earned him a special award in 2024. The World Wildlife Fund gave him this honor for helping nature.

Through education, children become nature's helpers. They understand how forests and animals need protection. When young people care about the environment, they help their whole community. Anil's teaching creates a brighter future for Nepal's wilderness.

Technology & Innovation

New Technology Helps Count Fish in Ocean

Scientists are using amazing new tools to count red snapper fish in the ocean. These colorful fish are very popular with people who love to fish.

For many families, catching red snapper has been a fun tradition for years. Grandparents teach children how to fish. Parents share stories about their biggest catch.

Now computers and smart cameras help scientists learn more about these fish. The cameras can watch fish swimming underwater. They count how many fish they see.

Scientists at Mississippi State University made a special card called disCARD. Fishers can use this card to report what they catch. The card uses computer smarts to make reporting easy and fast.

These new tools help scientists protect the fish for future families to enjoy. Technology makes it easier to keep track of ocean life.

NASA Studies Earth's Invisible Space Ring

Earth has an invisible ring around it made of tiny particles. Scientists call it the "ring current." It looks like a big donut shape around our planet.

This special ring helps protect Earth from space weather. Space weather is when conditions change around our planet. Sometimes it can affect our satellites and power systems.

NASA wants to learn more about this mysterious ring. They are sending a new mission called STORIE to space. It will launch in May on a rocket to the space station.

STORIE will look out at the ring from space. It will help scientists see how the ring grows and shrinks. They also want to know what kinds of particles make up the ring.

The mission will answer questions scientists have wondered about for years. Learning about Earth's invisible ring helps us understand how our planet stays safe in space.

Young People Share Beautiful Poetry Nationwide

Nine talented high school students are getting ready for a special poetry contest. They will recite beautiful poems on stage in Washington, D.C.

These young people came from all across America. They started competing with over 130,000 other students. Now they are the final nine winners from each state.

The students will share poems by famous American writers from long ago. The winner gets \$20,000 and the title of National Poetry Champion. People can watch the contest online from home too.

This poetry program has been helping students for many years. Since 2005, over 4 million young people have joined in. They learn to speak clearly and share beautiful words with others.

Poetry helps students feel confident and express themselves. It connects them to wonderful writing from the past. These nine students represent the best young speakers in the whole country.

Animals & Wildlife

Bird Watchers Help Scientists Study Flying Friends

Every spring, millions of birds fly across North America. They travel from warm places to cool places to find food and make nests. Scientists want to learn more about these amazing birds. But they need help from regular people like you and me.

Bird watchers play a very important role. When people notice birds in their yards or parks, they help science. Every time someone sees a bird and reports it, that information helps scientists. This is called community science, and it works really well.

Scientists have been studying birds for over 100 years. They put tiny metal bands on birds' legs, like little bracelets. When people find these bands later, they report them to scientists. This tells researchers where the birds have traveled.

There is also a program called the Breeding Bird Survey. For 60 years, volunteers have counted birds each spring. They drive along roads and count every bird they see and hear. All this information helps scientists understand which birds need protection.

You can help too! Next time you see birds in your neighborhood, take a moment to watch them. Your observations really do matter for keeping birds safe and healthy.

Activity Time - Word Search

Find the words below in the puzzle. Words go across or down only.

Words to Find:

STUDENTS

CHILDREN

POETRY

FOREST

CAMERA

OCEAN

FISH

