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Lesson Plan: Collective Nouns

Grade/Level	Elementary
Time Allotment	60 minutes, divided between 3 days
Content Area(s)	Language Arts

Objectives

Students will understand the meaning of collective nouns connected to Bald Eagles

- A kettle of eagles: A kettle describes a group of birds wheeling and circling in the air
- A communal roost: A communal roost describes a place where a group of birds regularly congregate to perch or sleep
- A convocation of eagles: A convocation describes a large group of Bald Eagles

Curricular Connections

L.2.4 Vocabulary Acquisition and Usage

Instructional Materials

- Bald Eagle journals or other writing and drawing paper
- A list of collective nouns that the class generated in a previous lesson

Resources

- Use this ads-free resource to generate a list of collective nouns for animals:
<http://www.namibian.org/travel/misc/collective-nouns.html>
- Use these photos of a communal roost, a convocation, and a kettle to demonstrate collective nouns for Bald Eagles:
<https://raptorresource.org/wordpress/lesson-plan/collective-nouns/>

Background Knowledge

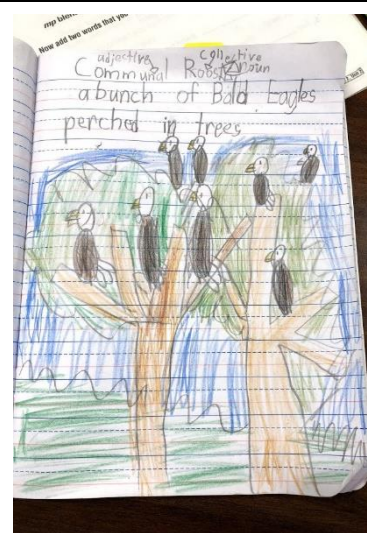
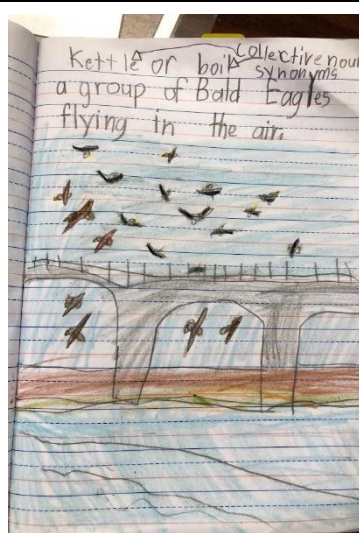
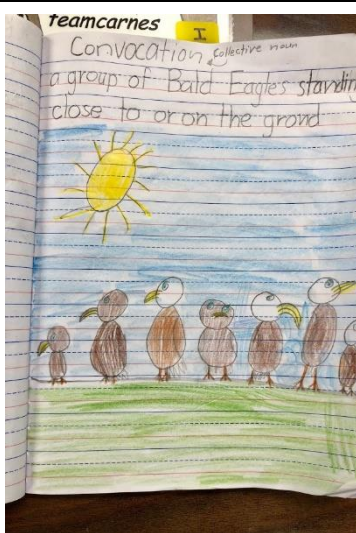
- Students will have already been introduced to collective nouns through their language arts curriculum.

Opener

Remind students that a collective noun pertains to groups of people, places, things, and animals. Review the list that the class generated in a previous lesson.

Procedure/Method/Activity

- List the three collective nouns for eagles (kettle/boil, communal roost, convocation).
- Project pictures of each one and discuss each one. Class chooses one to enter in the glossary section of their Bald Eagle Journals. A kid-friendly definition will be determined by the class.
- Students will enter the word and definition in their journals and sketch a picture to go with it. The two remaining collective nouns will be entered in journals as independent work during group rotations on separate days.



Assessment

Students will use this and other knowledge to write a class book about Bald Eagles towards the end of the year.

Extension

Review synonyms (kettle/boil) and adjectives (communal roost)