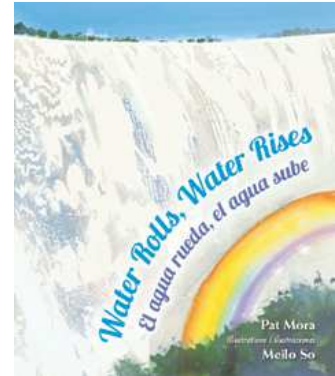


Ideas and Curriculum Activities

Water Rolls, Water Rises/El agua rueda, el agua sube
Poems by Pat Mora, illustrated by Meilo So
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Below are suggestions for engaging students in interesting questions/activities about water: geographical, scientific and artistic.

Involve your students in answering questions such as:

Geography

1. What is the longest river in your state? In the world?
2. What river carries the most water in the world?
3. What are the Great Lakes and where are they located?
4. What is the annual rainfall in your city? What are wettest places on earth? The driest?

Science

1. Why is the earth called the blue planet?
2. What causes buoyancy and can you demonstrate it?
3. Why does water freeze more quickly if it's hot?
4. In NM, Pat hears the word *acequia*. Research the origin of the word, its definition and list other irrigation systems in the world.
5. How is climate change affecting the earth's water?
6. How can you encourage water conservation in your home and community?

Writing

1. Write a short paragraph about how water tastes.
2. Write a poem or poems about all or one of water's forms.
3. Write a collaborative poem.
4. If you write in more than one language, write a short bilingual poem.
5. Compose a water song.

Visual art

1. Draw or paint a body of water you have visited or would like to visit.
2. Draw or paint an imaginary body of water, name it and describe its surroundings.

Teachers and librarians, do share your other good ideas with us. Email to: webcontact@patmora.com.