

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Shoebox Ecosystem/Habitat Project

We have been studying different types of ecosystems/habitats and animals within the different habitats. In this project, you will create one of the ecosystems/habitats in a shoebox. You will also be writing about your project. Below is a list of items that **must be included** and a list of optional materials that you may use to make your **“Shoebox Ecosystem/Habitat.”**

You must choose to make **one** of the following ecosystems:

Forest  
Urban  
Wetlands  
Desert  
Coral Reef

You must complete the **5 Questions Worksheet on the back** of this paper about your ecosystem/habitat. You will use the questions to write about your habitat. It must be **turned in with your project**. You will need to write at least two detailed paragraphs using your answers to your questions and other details you have learned about your ecosystem/habitat. You will read your writing when you **present your project to the class**. Don't forget a title and to indent. Use your best handwriting.

### **Required Materials:**

Shoebox – or some small box  
Your name on the lid of the box  
Type of ecosystem/habitat you made on the lid of the box  
Soil (dirt for forest, sand for desert, etc.)  
Animals that live in the habitat (can be drawn, made out of clay, or bought.)  
Plants that live in the habitat

### **Optional Materials:**

Paper markers	Crayons pencils	Sand plastic baggies
Dirt	waxed paper	Rocks tinfoil Clay
toothpicks Water	grass	Modeling clay Play dough

Have FUN with this project! Be creative when deciding how you will make your **“Shoebox Ecosystem.”** You may use any of the above materials and more! This project and the writing is due **December 12th** .

**Questions to be answered and included in your paragraph you write.**

1. Where in the world is this habitat/ecosystem found?
2. What are the animals that can be found here?
3. What are the plants that are found here?
4. What is the temperature and climate like in this habitat?
5. Why did you pick this habitat/ ecosystem?

Now take your answers and write at least two paragraphs about your project. You will be graded on your creativity, effort, writing, and presentation of your project to the class.