



Students have Fun at *SEA* and Never Leave the Classroom

“Why can’t penguins fly?” a first-grader asks WhaleTimes’ ocean expert Ruth Musgrave. From her office in Oregon, Musgrave is taking part in a face-to-face interview with students in their Illinois classroom as part of WhaleTimes’ new program, Sea Expert Academy (SEA): On-line Classroom Interview. SEA is an innovative and interactive program that allows students to speak directly to a marine science expert.

“On-line interviews are the latest, greatest way the Internet is raising the bar on classroom science, making it exciting and relevant,” says Musgrave. “It’s simple for teachers, too.” All they need is a computer with web access, web camera, microphone, and a free web-to-web account, technology most schools have available to them.

Penguins, sharks, polar bears, or the deep sea...WhaleTimes’ experts can answer questions about most ocean animals or topics. Teachers can even provide a few questions for the SEA expert to ask students, allowing the children to share their expertise, too.

Another WhaleTimes’ goal is to integrate science into other disciplines by encouraging teachers to use WhaleTimes programs, such as the Sea Expert Academy, in a new way. By using ocean science as an exciting focal point, teachers can enhance other disciplines such as writing, reading, math, and even art. For example, if students just read *What if the Shark Wears Tennis Shoes?* (Winifred Morris) or Jules Verne’s *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, teachers can expand and integrate their language arts curriculum to learn more about sharks, penguins, or the deep.

Take your classroom to SEA, sign up today by visiting the Teachers’ page on the WhaleTimes website www.whaletimes.org.

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