

Math:

- Create a graph that shows the annual rain in the Amazon Rain Forest for the past 10 years.
- Extend your graph by making a double line graph. The second line would show the annual rain in your town for the past 10 years. Compare the 2 graphs and draw conclusions. What can you learn from this data?

Social Studies:

- Map skills - locate the Amazon Rain Forest, the Amazon River, the Orinoco River, and other locations mentioned in this book.
- Label these locations on a map.
- Learn about life in the Amazon Rain Forest.

Physical Education:

- Get ready for your expedition! Set physical goals for yourself with your teacher's help. As you work to meet these goals, color in one dolphin on your passport.

Encantado Pink Dolphin of the Amazon

Art:

- Research artists who live in the Amazon, or those who create art about the rain forest.
- Create a recycled art project using found and repurposed items.
- Find out about artists who use recycled items to produce their artwork.
- Using torn bits of tissue paper, create a mosaic scene of the pink dolphins of the Amazon.

Language Arts:

- Poetry: Create found poems (see available worksheets) using this book. Younger children can write an acrostic poem using a word from the book. Have them write descriptive phrases rather than just one word for each letter; encourage figurative language.
- Practice predicting! After reading aloud to p. 12, have students predict (orally or in writing journals) ways in which they would canoe through the treetops, explore and underwater jungle, or take a trip back through time. Compare their responses to the "answers" in this book.
- Creative writing: Become a scientist and tell of your expedition to the Amazon. Write this in journal format. Add illustrations or sketches of your observations. Make a cover using a brown grocery bag (tear the bag to the size you wish for your front and back covers, wad up these pages into a ball, then work to smooth out the wrinkles using your fingers. The oils from your fingers will make the paper as soft as fabric if you work it long enough!
- Write your own story of the bufeo (see pp. 49-51 for one story).

Worksheets:

- Expedition Mission: Fact Finder
- Expedition Mission: Compare and Contrast: Pink and Bottlenose Dolphins
- Expedition Mission: Compare and Contrast: My Life to Life in the Amazon
- Expedition Mission: Understanding Big Words
- Expedition folder ("backpack" or journal)
- Create a "Found" Poem (directions)
- Expedition Mission: Writing Nonfiction Poetry!
- Expedition Mission: Writing Nonfiction Poetry! An Example
- Poetic Devices (examples)
- Expedition Mission: Poetic Devices
- Expedition Mission: Get in Shape
- Expedition Mission: Passport to Learning