

# Take a Trip Down Under



## GRANT RECIPIENTS

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## NYS STANDARD

Standard ELA1.02.WR2  
Standard ELA2.02.WR2:  
Standard SS3: Geography

## GRADE LEVEL

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

## STUDENTS SERVED

50 students

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this grant is to create an interdisciplinary unit on Australia to meet the demands of our NYS curriculum in Social Studies, ELA and Technology. Using a variety of fiction and nonfiction books about Australia, students learned about the culture, animals, land and people of this unique continent. They also used technology as a tool for learning

## STUDENT OUTCOMES

Students demonstrated knowledge of how major geographical features determine a location of a community and affect its inhabitants by learning about the rainforest, out back and capital city of Australia. They also used all steps in the writing process to compare and contrast marsupial, create research projects and class books. Students were also able to use art to demonstrate their knowledge of the aboriginal people by making their own rain sticks and aboriginal paintings. They also created a class Great Barrier Reef using white butcher paper and watercolors.