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**Gold Seal Lesson:**

Copernicus Education Gateway

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<b>Grade Span</b>			<b>ICLE Application Model</b>			
<b>K-4</b> x	<b>5-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b> x	<b>D</b>

**Instructional Focus:**

Students synthesize individual language arts skills.

Students read a variety of purposes and audiences with sophistication and complexity appropriate to the grade level.

**Performance Task**

After reading the book *Winter across America* by Seymour Simon (Hyperion Books for Children, 1994), give each student an animal stamp. Animal stamps are available from "National Geographic" or Discovery Channel or "The Mailbox Bookbag" magazine, December/January 1998-99, p. 24, Education Center Inc., publisher. Have students use the computer to research where the animal lives in North America during the winter and how the animal adapts to winter. After finding the information students create a riddle including the information found in the research and compile a class book to share. Include a copy of a map of North America on which the students have correctly placed the animal they researched.

**ICLE Essential Skills**

Apply in writing the rules and conventions of grammar, usage, punctuation, paragraphing and spelling. (ela 1)

Gather information from a variety of sources, including electronic sources, and summarize, analyze and evaluate its use for a report. (ela 3)

Identify, collect and/or select pertinent information while reading. (ela 5)

Discriminate important ideas from unimportant ideas while reading. (ela 15)

**Scoring Guide:**

Checklist:

- Finds accurate information using electronic resources.
- Records pertinent information.
- Correctly locates animal on map of North America
- Writes a riddle matching the pertinent information.
- Uses correct grammar, punctuation, capitalization and spelling in writing.

**Keywords**

<b>English Language Arts</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>Reading Independent reading, Technology</b>	<b>Algebra</b>	<b>Earth Science</b>
<b>Writing, sentences Note taking,</b>	<b>Geometry</b>	<b>Life Science</b>
<b>Communications</b>	<b>Statistics</b>	<b>Chemistry</b>
<b>Literature</b>	<b>Calculus</b>	<b>Physics</b>
<b>Other Riddles</b>	<b>Trigonometry</b>	<b>Other</b>
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