

Family Science Night
Willard Elementary (K – 5th grade)
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Rocks and Minerals

Willard's Family Science Night was quite a new experience for me. There are a couple of things that I like to point out. One is that I had not dealt with such young school kids and didn't know what to expect. Some were curious and already knew about rocks. To those kids I was able to introduce for instance the ways how extrusive and intrusive igneous rocks are distinguished from each other. I also learned about what they know and they don't. That was the positive side. The other issue is the difference from a regular classroom teaching. People were moving! When I was engaged in conversation with a certain group of kids-parents, other groups were coming in and I couldn't entertain more than one group because I thought by noticing my shifting attention kids would lose interest and turn away. A solution to this problem is having at least two TO persons at the station. But in general this was great and I believe can use my learning in the future participations.