Scholastic’s The Magic School Bus

Target Audience: K-4

Description: The Magic School Bus is a fully animated television series based on the award-winning book series by Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen. The show uses humor and story telling to introduce basic science concepts to youngsters ages 5-10. The goals of The Magic School Bus are:

- To motivate children’s interest in science.
- To introduce science concepts and ideas.
- To inspire positive attitudes towards science and education.

Availability: The Magic School Bus airs on Iowa Public Television and may be taped off the air for educational use and retained for three years. The series consists of a total of 26 episodes including such topics as: the solar system, digestion, germs, food chain, habitats, decomposition, sound, kitchen chemistry, forces, seeds, weather, volcanoes, butterflies, dinosaurs, water, engines, flight, stars, bats, energy and shooting stars. Supporting curriculum materials are available from E-SET or your county extension office.

Leader/Educator Activity Guide--

Fun-to-do and relevant hands-on activities to accompany each of the shows episodes. Family Fun Pack--A kit designed to assist community-based leaders/educators to conduct workshops that help parents understand how they can encourage their children's interest in science.

Cost: The Magic School Bus curriculum and 26-session video series can be borrowed for one month.