

# ***World of Wonder***

## **Educational Standards and Suggested Activities**

Release week April 7, 2013: Kangaroos

### **Standards**

- Current Events: Students will read the paper for examples of ways people warn each other of danger
- Science: Students will watch kangaroos boxing
- Science: Students will research how kangaroos survive in their environment

### **Activities**

1. Use the News: Kangaroos thump their tail to warn each other of danger. Do humans help each other by warning of danger? As you read your newspaper, look for examples of people watching out for each other. How do they do it? Why do we do it?
2. You may have seen cartoon kangaroos boxing, but have you seen real roos fighting? Check out these nature videos showing why and how they push for superiority.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AiTG6T9pTcM> This second video looks like 2 young males practice fighting. They even get tired and lay down for a snooze afterward.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZsrNPmCFpW0>
3. Kangaroos are nocturnal and are herbivores. What do each of these terms mean? Why might it be a survival adaption to be nocturnal? How do they see their food, and keep from hopping into things? Research and report on how these macropods survive in the wild.

*World of Wonder* meets many state educational standards. This guide helps teachers identify standards and related activities generally intended for grade 6, but teachers can modify activities to the appropriate grade.