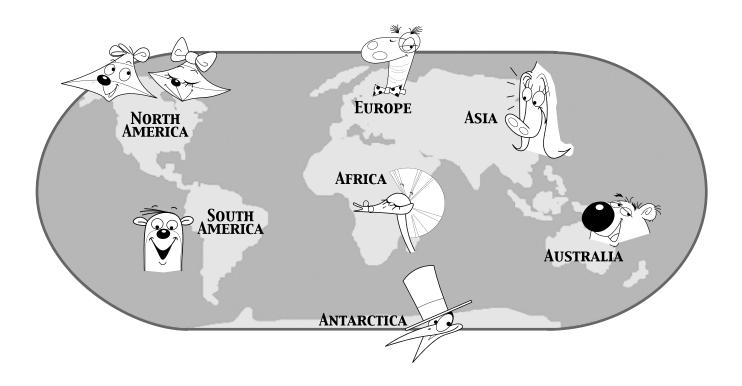
WeeBeeTunes Travel Adventures is a fun and effective tool for introducing students (K - 4) to basic concepts of geography.

## **Educational Goals**

- Introduce the seven continents and the spatial orientation of the world, using the travel friends (seven animals indigenous to the seven continents) as a vehicle for learning.
- Foster an appreciation for the diversity of cultures around the world (both among and within each continent).
- Introduce basic elements of history, culture, and bio-diversity via references to significant historical events, famous landmarks, cultural festivals, and important ecosystems around the world.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The scope of content covered in the WeeBeeTunes Travel Adventures series references the 18 National Geography Standards published by the National Council for Geographic Education.

## **Program Features**

Feature	Suggested Exercise	Purpose
Music CD	Play the CD during various classroom activities; allow the students to become familiar with the songs	<ul> <li>Stimulates auditory learning</li> <li>Repetition of the songs         <ul> <li>familiarizes the students with</li> <li>the material prior to more indepth discussion of topics</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
VHS Video or DVD	<ul> <li>Play the video as a separate learning module</li> <li>Break up the video into learning segments by continent or by travel episode</li> <li>Repeat the playing of each segment multiple times</li> <li>Discuss and elaborate on certain topics within each region (food, music, history, animals, landmarks, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stimulates both visual and auditory learning</li> <li>Focusing on one region of the world at a time facilitates greater absorption of material</li> <li>Repetition enables students to process and retain more information</li> <li>Each travel episode serves as a catalyst for further exploration and discovery</li> </ul>
Maps	<ul> <li>Photocopy the maps for the students<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Hand out world map first, followed by continent maps to coincide with the video segments</li> <li>Have students identify, color code, and label countries and cities; feature neighboring countries, major bodies of water, mountain ranges, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Introduces concepts of spatial orientation of the earth's land masses</li> <li>Introduces basic map reading skills</li> <li>Supplements auditory and visual learning with writing skills</li> </ul>
Visual Arts Projects and Activities	Give the students simple, fun art projects that build on the content from the travel episodes	Introduces hands-on, multi- sensory ways to enhance the learning experience

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Maps may also be downloaded from www.weebeetunes.com.

## Program Features (Continued)

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Writing Assignments	Suggested Exercise      For each continent module, have the students do a writing assignment (narrative, expository, or persuasive)     Have the students keep a journal in which they can write about the places they visit	Purpose     Extends the learning experience to other disciplines     Reinforces that writing is cross-curricular
Vocabulary Words	Identify words in the song lyrics that can help expand the students' vocabulary (vocabulary lists are provided on the following pages)	Focusing on specific     vocabulary words can be a     catalyst for other discussion     topics and/or learning modules
Advanced Organizers	Write discussion questions and/or vocabulary words on the board before viewing the video	Provides students an overview of what to expect
WeeBeeTunes Passport	<ul> <li>Have each student fill out his/her passport</li> <li>Take pictures and glue in front</li> <li>Discuss the purpose of a passport</li> </ul>	Supplements learning with fun, interactive activity     Personalizes the learning experience