

## Experiences with Sandburg's Naturalist-In-Residence

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Ms. Christopher's, Ms. Magruder's and Mrs. Clark's 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes would like to thank Naturalist in Residence, Mary Taylor Young, who has been working with our classes down by the Cherry Knolls pond. Students have practiced observing, note taking, and writing while enjoying this active area by our school. After a few days of writing Mary demonstrated and enforced the qualities of a productive writing workshop. Students were then able to present their writing to the class on Earth Day. Additionally, Mary was able to get Tina Jackson from the Colorado Division of Wildlife to come out and trap some turtles that the classes spotted at the pond. We learned that the Red Eared Slider was a non-native species; however the very large snapping turtle is native to Colorado. Please visit [christopher5.wikispaces.com](http://christopher5.wikispaces.com) to see some of the great writing the 5<sup>th</sup> graders produced.

