**Language Arts**
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**Summary:** Wilbur, a naked mole rat who likes to wear clothes, is forced to go before the wise community elder, who surprises the other naked mole rats with his pronouncement.

**Second grade students will recognize the development of visual art from a cultural perspective by:**
- Understanding how art reflects a culture.
- Making connections with other art forms.
- Identifying art made by a variety of visual artists.

**Materials needed:**

**Book List:**
Naked Mole Rat gets Dressed – Mo Willems
Nocturnal Animals– Naked mole Rats – Kristin Petrie
Cool costumes: how to stage your very own show – Karen Latchana Kenney
Bow wow wow!: fetching costumes for your fabulous dog - Cathie Filian.

**Supplies:** Colored pencils, markers, or watercolors, paper, fabric scraps, glue and scissors. Microsoft Paint could be an option for some students. Chart paper and marker for book comparisons and voting.
**Activities:** Reading Willem’s *Naked mole rat gets dressed*, a non-fiction about naked mole rats, along with some costume non-fiction books, as well in a whole group class reading time.

**Process:**
1- The students will be called upon to compare and contrast the two books about Mole rats.
2- Students will vote on their favorite naked mole rat costume from the picture book.
3- Students will design a costume for a naked mole rat book character with art supplies of their choice.

**Optional activity:**

The students will use the TCCL kidspage link, [http://kids.tulsalibrary.org/funandgames/#Buddy](http://kids.tulsalibrary.org/funandgames/#Buddy)

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