

Square of Life 2011
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Strongsville, Ohio

Group 1: Racine, Wisconsin vs. Strongsville, Ohio

Racine and Strongsville have similarities and differences. We have 5 similarities. Our similarities are, we both found ants. They found a red ant, flying ant, and a black ant, but we only found a black ant. We both found grass. We both found dirt, and we both found weeds. They were dandelions. We both found a spider. These are our differences, they found maple tree seeds, but we didn't find any seeds. They found trash in their square, but we didn't. We found a worm when they didn't. They found a grasshopper, but we didn't. Finally we found a tree branch in our square and they didn't. We found a lot of similarities and not too many differences because our climate is not very different from theirs.

Group 2: Vancouver, BC, Canada vs. Strongsville, Ohio

Vancouver and Strongsville have differences and similarities. Three similarities are that we both have oak trees, bees, and mushrooms. They have the similarities because we're on the same continent and have four seasons. Some differences are that we had a wolf spider and they had a Daddy Long Legs. We also had a cobweb and they didn't. We had differences because they are on the end of mountains and valleys. Also, the climate is colder there so there are more differences. Strongsville and Vancouver are the same yet different in many ways.

Group 3: Thorndike, Maine vs. Strongsville, Ohio

We found many similarities and differences with Mount View Elementary in Thorndike, Maine. We found some differences. They saw lizards, ants, snails, and frogs, but we didn't. We saw tadpoles, but they didn't. They saw pumpkins, squash, flowers, but our group didn't. We saw bulrushes, flower buds, mulberry buds, and lots of leaves. Our group additionally found sticks. The group in Maine saw big rocks. We saw muddy water and puddles, but they didn't. We saw some similarities with Thorndike, Maine. We both observed spiders, worms, flying bugs, beetles, grass, weeds, and small rocks. Neither of us saw snakes or litter. Maine is farther North, so it has less vegetation, but more animals. We had fun learning about life outside in Maine.

Group 4: Kihei, Hawaii vs. Strongsville, Ohio

Drake Elementary and Kihei Elementary had slightly different Squares of Life. They were slightly different because we have different environments and Hawaii is closer to the equator. They are the same because we have similar plants and animals such as worms and weeds. Hawaii temperatures are usually 70, 80, 90 degrees F. and in the summer time here, it's the same temp. So both can have the same plants and animals. Ohio has a colder climate, and Hawaii is much warmer. So some things are year round there, some things can't grow in the cold. That is why these similarities and differences exist.