Biscayne Bay: Our Water, Our World

Historic Office of Dr. James Jackson
Grades: K-12

Biscayne National Park is the largest marine park in the country. It preserves portions of the Florida Reef, the mangrove shoreline, and several barrier islands. The history of settlement along the Bay is filled with stories about a sleepy Southern town with key lime and pineapple groves and small shack houses on stilts. Then came the economic boom which drastically altered the landscape and historic flow of freshwater to the Bay. Students will receive a tour of our new exhibit titled Biscayne Bay: Our Water, Our World located inside the historic surgical office and clinic of Dr. James Jackson—one of Miami’s first doctors—that now serves as a gallery space as well as the official headquarters of DHT. The interactive exhibit in our gallery features images, text, and artifacts that discuss the story, current state, and
future of the Bay. To complement this content, students will walk across the street to see the Bay and learn about the science of water quality by conducting their own water quality test. This lesson is a collaboration between DHT and Miami Waterkeeper—a South Florida environmental group that advocates for clean and safe water.

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“`The water quality tests were an excellent way to bring science to life!`”
– Ms. Alonso, Citrus Grove Elementary

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