



Reading Is Fundamental



Wild About Reading

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



TWO PEAS IN A POD!

Which mammal, insect, bird or reptile is just like you? List all the ways, from looks, to dress, to where you live, to how you act, to what you like to eat.

JUST THE TWO OF US

Which animal would you want to spend the day with? Why? In a *diary* entry, write about the day you spent with your friend, the animal.

AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

Pick an animal that deserves an award! Write a letter to the zoo keeper and give 2-3 reasons this animal deserves the award. Name the award. Mail the letter to the zoo!

JUST THE FACTS

Write a paragraph about what happened today at the zoo. What did you see, do, eat? Was it hot? Rainy? Did you have fun? What was your favorite thing?



A PICTURE'S WORTH 1000 WORDS

Why -- what reasons -- should your friends visit the zoo? Design a poster or *brochure* that would *persuade* your friends to visit the zoo.

SING, SING A SONG

Create a rap or song about your favorite zoo animal. Come up with 4-8 lines.

PLAY LIKE...

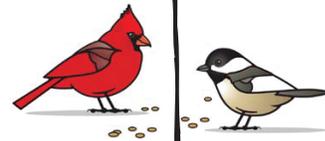
Pretend that you are an animal in the zoo. Write a short *autobiography* about yourself. Where are you from? What do you eat? How long do you live? Use your imagination to add details.

MAKE A MINI-ZOO

What's your favorite *habitat* at the zoo? Decorate a shoebox and use animal figures or your own clay figures to recreate it as a *diorama*.

HOT ON THE TRAIL

Draw and illustrate a map of 5 favorite stops at the zoo. Make sure to label each. Don't forget to color your map.



THE PLAY'S THE THING

Create a *skit* or a puppet show using zoo characters. Perform it for family and friends.



CHANGE IT AROUND

Write a story about the day your class took a field trip to the zoo and found out all the animals had escaped!

WORD FOR WORD

List 5-10 new *vocabulary* words you want to remember from your visit. For each word, draw a picture and write the word in a sentence.

NEXT QUESTION, PLEASE?

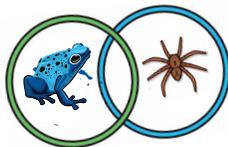
Conduct an *interview* with a zoo animal. Ask at least 5 questions. Write your questions and the animal's "answers."

MY FAVORITE:

Create a poem about your most or least favorite animal. Include at least five facts and details. Try to "*paint a picture*" with your words!

THE CIRCLE GAME

Use a *Venn diagram* to compare any 2 zoo animals. How are they alike? How are they different?



MORE THAN ONE WAY TO TELL A TALE

Create a comic strip about a group -- of birds, monkeys, lions, any group!

