

## Animals All Around

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School-Age 2

### Where We Live

Where an animal lives has a big impact on their lives; the location, available food, and outside dangers. What happens when deforestation, pollution, and humans come into play. As a group we will research and discuss these things and brainstorm ways we can reduce our impact.

**(Environmental Learning—Media and Technology)**

### Exotic to Us

We have our cats, dogs, birds, and fish here in the United States, but what kinds of pets do you see in homes around the world. We'll discover Japan's love of large horned beetles, China's crickets, Peru's alpacas, and many others. We will talk about what it takes to take care of a pet.

**(Global Learning—Media and Technology—Social Emotional Development/Character Education)**

### What We Both Eat

Many of the natural foods that animals consume can be nutritious and quite delicious for humans. Each week we will try something new such as seaweed and seeds.

**(Health and Wellness)**

### Us Vs. Them

Creatures from the animal kingdom come in all shapes, colors, and sizes. Some of them are smaller than us like an ant and others are larger than us like the whale. We will compare the size of "us" versus the size of a multitude of creatures. We will discuss how their size affects what they can do and where they can go? How does our size affect what we can do and where we can go?

**(Social Emotional Development/Character Education—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)**

### Create a Creature

Animals are all different; some have feathers others have scales, some have eight tentacles others have four legs, some have eight eyes others none. We will create and name our own animals and put them on display for others to see.

**(Arts and Culture)**

### I See....

There will be a multitude of books about animals from around the world for us to look at. These books will contain animals that we may have seen before as well as animals that are of a rarer find.

**(Language, Literacy, and Numeracy)**

### Thank You

We love to receive a card or a reminder that someone cares about us, and they may be thinking of us. We will create cards for those who are in Hospice and are living out their last days being comforted by others.

**(Service Learning—Arts and Culture—Language, Literacy, and Numeracy)**

spider webs-their homes  
Many creatures make their own homes  
tools and building