



Understanding  
Others

## Early Childhood Animal Friends



### **Serving the Needs of Humanity**

This Super Unit is a structured inquiry into helping the learner understand other people. Learners will identify a local need of others and plan action. Learners will be empowered to authentically provide service to others. Learners will develop their ability to do service design thinking.

# We help animals by learning



## Highlights of Learning Experiences

**SuperUnit Launch:** Children will visit EC classrooms to learn about a different kind of animal.

**Field Trip(s):** Veterinary Clinic, pet store and Middle School science class

**Guest Speaker(s):** Pet Store owner and MS students

**Project(s):** Displays of how students learned about and respect animals.

### Core Values

Academic Excellence: Foundational Knowledge

Sense of Self: Lifelong Learning, Leadership

Respect for All: Respect

Dedicated Service: Environmental Responsibility

**SuperUnit Celebration:** Parents will join us in the EC pod/playground/classrooms after the music concert on Thursday, December 14. We will celebrate with a potluck and have students show an exhibition of their learning.



## Focus on Learning by Subject

### Physical Development and Motor Skills

- Demonstrate an awareness of the body in space and child's relationship to objects in space

### Social and Emotional Development

- Demonstrate self-control

### Approaches to Play and Learning

- Demonstrate initiative and self-direction

### Communication, Language, and Literacy

- Use increasingly complex spoken language
- Develop early phonological awareness

### Cognitive Development and General Knowledge

- Sort, order, classify, and create patterns
- Explore, recognize, and describe spatial relationships between objects
- Demonstrate knowledge related to living things and their environments
- Create, observe, and analyze visual art forms to develop artistic expression

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## Questions to Ask your Child

1. What animals do you see at school?
2. What do you do when you see an animal at school?
3. What can you do to help animals?



## Home Learning

1. Observe animals when you're outside as a family.
2. Create patterns with common household items.
3. Play games that encourage self-control like freeze dancing and red light, green light.



## Suggested Home Extensions

1. Read a book with your child about animals.
2. Make animal art with your child related to the books you read.
3. Practice moving like an animal.

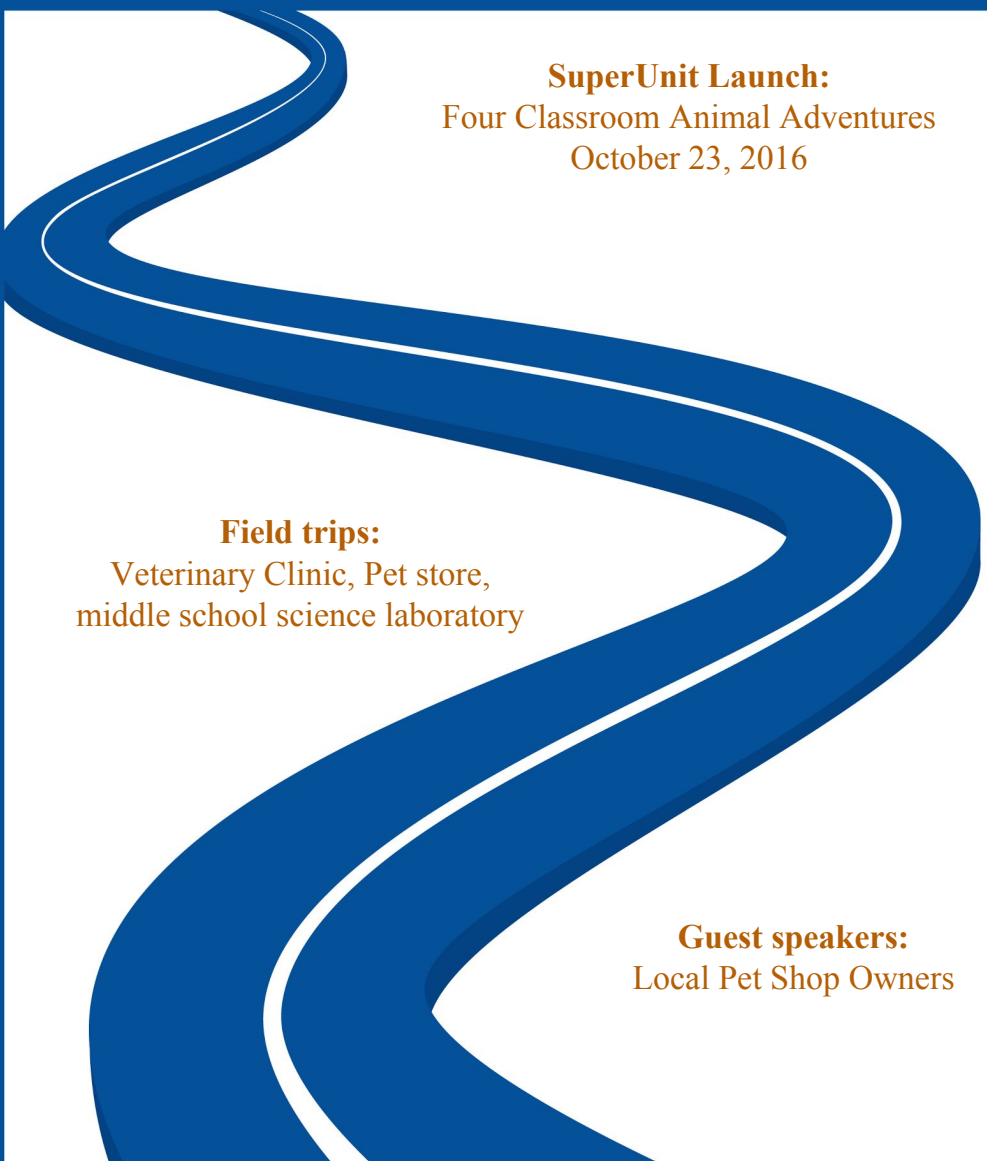


## Key Vocabulary

habitat  
gentle  
observe

predator  
living  
nonliving

prey  
needs  
environment



**SuperUnit Launch:**  
Four Classroom Animal Adventures  
October 23, 2016

**Field trips:**  
Veterinary Clinic, Pet store,  
middle school science laboratory

**Guest speakers:**  
Local Pet Shop Owners

**SuperUnit Celebration:**  
December 14th, Potluck and Museum of Learning



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