

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 learnin



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



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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