

Home Letter

Amazing Animals
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Dear Family,

This week, we'll be using literature to learn about some interesting animals. Our class will look into the question "Why do some animals have spots or stripes?" We'll read the informational text **Amazing Animals** and learn about what eight different animals have to help them as they grow up. Then we'll enjoy the classical fairy tale **The Ugly Duckling**.

This week's...

Words to Know: baby, begins, eight, follow, learning, until, years, young

Phonics Skills: *r*-Controlled vowels *er*, *ir*, *ur*

Vocabulary Strategy: Using a dictionary entry

Comprehension Skill: Conclusions—use details to figure out more about the text

Comprehension Strategy: Visualize—picture what is happening as you read

Writing Focus: Narrative writing—story sentences

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Ask your child to use this week's **Words to Know** to tell you how a polar bear's white fur helps.

Animal Match

Talk about other animals that might share the same special features as the ones mentioned in **Amazing Animals**. Discuss, for example, how the spots on a giraffe help it hide. Ask your child to name other animals that have spots.

My Pet

Discuss an animal that your child would like to have as a pet. Have your child write a few sentences telling how he or she would care for the pet.



Go to the *eBook* to read and listen to this week's selection.