



Animal Antics

Target Audience: Ages 4-8

Description: This school year version of Animal Antics is designed to be an introduction to the lifecycles of various animals including ants, bees, giraffes, octopi and many more! Students will use measurements; make their own animals using creative materials, and “act out” animal behavior.

Format: Each session is designed to last one hour.

Session 1: Students will learn about different types of penguins, where they live, their lifecycle, and how parent penguins care for their babies by having a discussion and doing a penguin drama.

Session 2: Students will learn about the way in which opossums care for their young by making an opossum pouch. They will also use measuring to determine how large adult opossums can be. Students will create their own opossums.

Session 3: Students will learn about what makes an insect and that ants are insects. Students will make their own ant tunnels by placing “food,” “ant eggs” and various types of “adult ants” in their nests.

Session 4: Students will review the parts of an insect to determine that a bee is an insect. Students will play a game that simulates bees collecting nectar and understand the unique body parts that allow bees to do so.

Session 5: Students will read part of a book together as a class to learn basic facts about octopi. They will learn that octopi sometimes have patterns on their skin and will make their own octopus with a unique pattern to solidify this concept. Students will also play a game in small groups to determine the steps in the octopus lifecycle.

Session 6: Students will read a short book as a class to learn basic facts about giraffes. They will use measuring and group skills to determine how tall adult giraffes can be. Students will also put together a giraffe skeleton.

The “Animal Antics” curriculum and kit can be borrowed for one month.