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This is a time of year when people get together to share the joys of the season. We are, in fact, social animals. We play and work together in groups. Many other animals exhibit social behavior. They often live together in groups, such as colonies or herds, and help each other in many ways. As we turn to a new year, ask students to reflect on how we can make life more pleasant for all animals—including humans.



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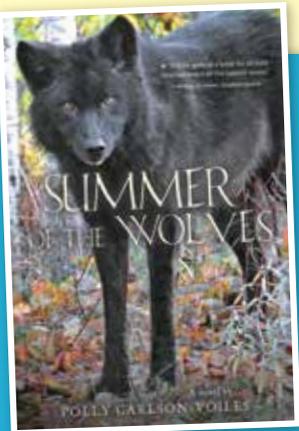
## COMMON CORE-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES

**SL.5.1c. Pose and respond to specific questions by making comments that contribute to the discussion and elaborate on the remarks of others.** The Bill of Rights was added to the U.S. Constitution on December 15, 1791. It guaranteed us certain freedoms and rights, including freedom of speech. Freedom of speech allows us to express our concerns, for example, by writing to newspapers and lawmakers about issues that concern us. Ask students: How can writing to newspapers about an issue help animals? Is it important to stand up for people and animals who can't speak for themselves? Explain. If there were a Bill of Rights for animals, what would it say?

**W.5.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details and clear event sequences.** Using the information you learned in "To the Rescue" and information gathered from books or online, imagine you are a tiger living in the wild. Write a short paragraph explaining how you would spend your days.

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## BOOK NOOK



Looking for something to add to your winter break student reading list? *Summer of the Wolves* by Polly Carlson-Voiles will keep your students turning the pages to see what happens next for 12-year-old Nika and her 7-year-old brother on a summer visit with their long-lost

uncle. At first longing for her California home and friends, Nika slowly begins to appreciate the northern Minnesota wilderness she finds herself in and becomes enthralled with the wolves her wildlife biologist uncle studies. Though she bonds with one orphaned wolf cub, she soon realizes that caring for wild animals means allowing them to live their natural lives in the wild.

## ANSWER KEY

### Critter Clues FROM PAGE 7

**Our mystery critter is an armadillo.**

Of the 20 species of armadillo, only the nine-banded armadillo is found in the United States, mainly in the south-central and southeastern parts of the country. 🦔 The official small mammal of Texas, the nine-banded armadillo gives birth to four identical young—all male or all female. During hot weather, armadillos tend to be nocturnal, but will forage by day when the weather turns cooler. They use their strong legs and sharp claws to dig burrows and search for insects. Their long sticky tongues are useful in pulling ants and termites from their tunnels. 🦔 Armadillos have poor eyesight, but their keen sense of smell helps them locate food. Collisions with vehicles are one of the armadillo's biggest threats.



### Totally Turtles

FROM PAGE 7



**Turtles are found on every continent except Antarctica.**



### Kind Quiz / RI.5.1

FROM PAGE 8

- 1 Antarctica
- 2 burro; little armored one (armadillo)
- 3 burrowed in mud until warm weather returns
- 4 b) in the desert
- 5 The Bureau of Land Management; some people thought that the wild burros were competing with grazing land for sheep and cattle.
- 6 Frightened donkeys may slip and fall or be injured in other ways by inexperienced riders.

### Online Worksheet

Students' essays will vary.