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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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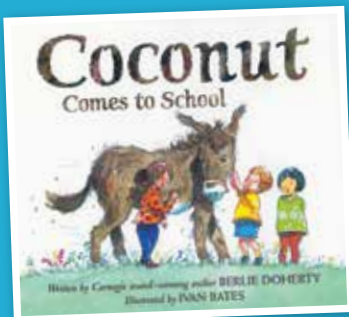
COMMON CORE-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES

SL.3-4.1 Engage effectively in collaborative discussions building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. 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.3-4.3 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.

Help us select the best candidate for the 2015 National Humane Teacher of the Year award! The award recognizes a pre-K-12 teacher who effectively incorporates humane education (animal welfare, environmental and prosocial education) into his or her curriculum. Visit humanesociety.org/humaneteacher to nominate yourself or a colleague.

BOOK NOOK




Coconut Comes to School by Berlie Doherty, illustrated by Ivan Bates. The schoolchildren have come to know the sound of Coconut's bray and the familiar rhythm of her canter. Every morning, they anxiously await the brown-eyed


donkey's appearance in their classroom window. Cranky Mr. Clapper, on the other hand, is not as fond of Coconut's forays into the schoolyard, so he hatches a simple scheme to keep her out. When the teacher's plan fails and his life hangs on the brink, guess who comes trotting to the rescue? Readers will cheer for the story's happy ending and the hee-hawing hero.

ANSWER KEY

Critter Clues FROM PAGE 7

Our mystery critter is an armadillo.

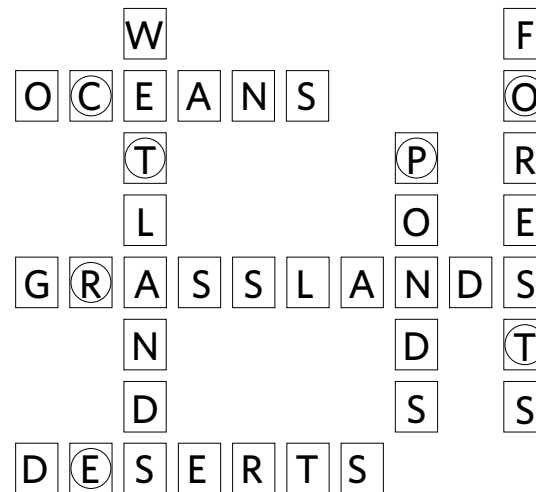
Of the 20 species of armadillo, only the nine-banded armadillo is found in the United States, mainly in the south-central and southeastern parts of the country.  The official small mammal of Texas, the nine-banded armadillo gives birth to four identical young—all male or all female. During hot weather, 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



Help protect turtles and other animals. Keep their habitats clean. Don't litter.



Kind Quiz / RI.3-4.1

FROM PAGE 8

- 1 Turtles carry salmonella bacteria that can make people, especially children, very sick.
- 2 Antarctica
- 3 A habitat is a place where a plant or animal naturally lives and grows.
- 4 donkey
- 5 The U.S. Bureau of Land Management.
- 6 Frightened donkeys may slip and fall or be injured in other ways by inexperienced riders.