

# kind NEWS™

## Parents Guide

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Teaching kindness to animals and respect for natural habitats while helping to instill good reading habits in children

### KIND TIME

**MORE THAN HALF** of all dog-bite victims are children, with the highest rate of dog-bite-related injuries occurring in children aged five to nine. Teaching young people to stay safe around dogs is extremely important. Equally essential is our responsibility as adults to reduce the chance that our own dogs will bite. Statistics show that most dog bites are caused by the family dog or a neighbor or relative's pet. **May 15-21** is Dog Bite Prevention Week—the perfect time to review pet safety and training with your family. You'll find basic tips in this issue's Pet Corner, with additional information available at [nodogbites.org](http://nodogbites.org).

**ARE APRIL SHOWERS** keeping you indoors? Ask your children to think up bumper sticker slogans about protecting the Earth or its animals. (Examples include: Be a beach buddy—don't pollute; Hug your pet; Rhinos need their horns more than we do.)

**OLIVIA AND CARTER RIES** remind us that anyone can make a difference. Discuss with your children how they can make a difference for the environment (use less water, dispose of trash responsibly, clean up litter around a pond or stream, fix old toys instead of throwing them away, turn off lights upon leaving a room, plant a tree, bring lunch in a reusable container, use both sides of paper, recycle cans and bottles, etc.) Can they suggest other ways to help the environment? Ask: How does protecting the environment also help animals?

### BOOK NOOK



Celebrate Earth Day by sharing with your children *Sydney & Simon Go Green!* by Paul A. Reynolds, illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds.

When mice twins Sydney and Simon learn that the trash we make often ends up in our oceans and harms marine animals, they embark on a mission to get their community to reduce, reuse and recycle. In a message at the back of the book, the Reynolds brothers (real-life twins) tell readers that they used their "twinergy" to create the book "as a way to inspire others to tackle the problems of ocean pollution and too much trash"—and challenge children to do the same.



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- ▶ Watch the video and explore the "I'm a Little Rhino" book
- ▶ Learn more about the amazing work One More Generation is doing for animals and the environment
- ▶ Download an activity page for your children

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# CRITTER CLUES

## Can your child guess the mystery critter?

- 1 I need to eat most of the day.
- 2 What's your favorite color?  
Mine's red!
- 3 I can fly backward, sideways and upside down.
- 4 I beat my wings so fast they make noise.  
Maybe that's how I got my name!
- 5 Mini me! My eggs are the size of peas, and my nest is about the size of a walnut.

**Our mystery critter is a hummingbird.** Hummers are the smallest birds on Earth—with some of the most amazing abilities and appetites. They feed almost constantly on nectar, preferring deep-throated red and orange flowers, but will also dine on tree sap, insects and pollen. 🐦 Many plants depend on hummingbirds for pollination, because they carry pollen from one plant they visit to another. 🐦 There are more than 300 species of hummingbirds, with about 12 species spending summers in North America then traveling to their winter homes in Central and South America. 🐦 Hummingbirds are threatened by habitat change. 🐦 You can help hummingbirds by planting flowers that they prefer as well as by hanging special feeders filled with sugar water.

# ACTIVITY SHEET

- 1 future   2 past   3 present   4 past   5 past   6 future

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# ANSWERS

## Do You Know the Rhino?

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- 1 **True (2)** The name rhinoceros comes from Greek words meaning "nose horn."
- 2 **True (2)** They are second in size to elephants.
- 3 **False (1)** Rhinos are herbivores; their diet consists only of plants.
- 4 **False (1)** Rhinos have poor eyesight but good senses of hearing and smell.
- 5 **True (2)** They are very fast but not fast enough to escape poachers' guns.
- 6 **True (2)** All five species (kinds) of rhinos are endangered.

**Total: (10)**

## Be The Principal! FROM PAGE 3

Ms. Palmer's class wins this week.

