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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 children 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 safety tips with students. You’ll find basic tips in this issue’s Pet Corner, with additional information available at nodogbites.org.



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COMMON CORE-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES

RL.K-2.7 Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting or events. Visit humansociety.org/kindnews to watch the video and review the “I’m a Little Rhino” book with students. Discuss how the video and book convey the same message—but in entirely different formats. Ask: Who are the main characters in the story? What is the baby rhino trying to tell viewers? Do you think he is successful in getting his point across? Do you think the story would be different if told from the mother rhino’s point of view? If so, how?

SL.K-2 Participate in collaborative conversations with peers and adults. In “Race to Save Rhinos,” Olivia Ries tells us, “Remember, anyone can make a difference—if we can, you can too.” Discuss with students how they 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.) What else can they do? Ask: How does protecting the environment also help animals?

BOOK NOOK



Celebrate Earth Day by sharing with students *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. Real-life twins, the Reynolds brothers are “huge fans of using the STEAM [Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math] approach to find ways to make the world cleaner and greener.” In a message at the back of the book, they 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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KIND QUIZ

RL.K-2.1

Test your students to see what they’ve learned from this issue of *Kind News*.

- 1 What does it mean that rhinos are threatened with extinction?** *It means that they could disappear forever if nothing is done to save them.*
- 2 Rhino horn is made of keratin, the same thing as humans’ _____.** *finger nails*
- 3 Name four reasons or times that a dog might bite.** *A dog might bite when he’s scared, hurt, sick or protecting something.*
- 4 What should you do if a bird builds a nest in your families’ hanging flower basket?** *It’s best to just water the plant a little at a time until the babies have left the nest.*



CRITTER CLUES / SL.K-2.2

Can your students 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. 🐦 Hummingbirds 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.

ANSWERS

Do You Know the Rhino? FROM PAGE 7

- 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.

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ACTIVITY SHEET

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