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Teachers Guide

PRIMARY EDITION: RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES K-2

The theme of Kind News is kindness to people and animals and respect for natural habitats. Its emphasis on humane values, such as fairness, compassion and responsibility, encourages good character in children, and its colorful design, simple vocabulary and engaging subject matter help instill reading habits.

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Common Core
activities to use in
your classroom.

COMMON CORE-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES

W.K-2.2 Use a combination of drawing, dictating and writing to compose explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic. As a class, plan and create posters and flyers to advertise a collection for your local animal shelter.

SL.K-2.1.b Continue a conversation through multiple exchanges. In the course of your discussion of puppy mills, a student may express regret that his or her family purchased a pet from a pet store. Whether or not that turned out to be a positive experience for the student's family—and for the pet—point out that what's most important is that we give our pets the love and life-long care that they deserve. Ask: How would someone choosing a pet in the future avoid the problem?

SL.K-2. Describe familiar things and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail. The Audubon bird count takes place each year from mid-December to early January. People in North and South America count birds in their area to help estimate bird populations. How many birds can students name? Remind the class that when they see a bird, to look closely to try to identify it. What color is the bird? What is the shape of the beak? What special spots does he have? Use a field guide to try to identify birds in your schoolyard. Visit audubon.org for more information.



BOOK NOOK

A Home for Dakota by Jane Zita Grover is one of the books used in the *Nose to Tail* curriculum. It's the story of Dog No. 241

who has never known life outside her small, lonely wire cage in a puppy mill. After she is rescued and brought to live in a foster home, she is named Dakota, an act that marks the beginning of her metamorphosis from a fearful, confused dog into a loving and lovable companion. Although the sights, smells and sounds of her new surroundings are at first unfamiliar and scary, Dakota slowly progresses and is soon ready to join her forever family. She finds it with Sweetie, a young girl who is on her own journey of recovery, and together they help each other heal.



Critter Clues

SL.K-2.2

Can your students guess the mystery critter?

- 1 You'll find me in some cold regions of the planet.
- 2 My coat has two layers to keep me warm.
- 3 My wide hooves help me walk on snow and swim.
- 4 Since I weigh more than 200 pounds, being able to fly would really be magical.
- 5 We often travel thousands of miles every year. Some say we can circle the globe in one night!

Our mystery critter is a reindeer. Reindeer are well-suited for life in the cold arctic regions of Europe, Asia and North America. Their thick coats are made up of two layers. The one closest to the body consists of fine, soft, warm hair that's covered with a layer of hollow hairs that prevent heat from escaping and help reindeer stay afloat as they swim. 🦌 Both male and female reindeer have antlers. The antlers fall off and regrow each year. The new antlers are covered with soft fur called velvet. When the velvet dries up, reindeer rub it off against rocks or trees. 🦌 Reindeer have large, broad hooves that act like snowshoes to keep the animal from sinking when walking in snow. Reindeer's wide hooves also help propel the animals through water when they swim. 🦌 Thousands of reindeer may gather together for migration, traveling thousands of miles annually. Traveling in herds protects individuals from predators. Herbivores, reindeer eat grasses, leaves and lichens.

KIND QUIZ

RL.K-2.1

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

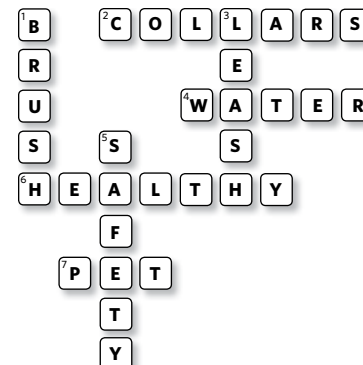
- 1 **Name three items (other than food) that animal shelters might need.** Answers will vary but may include cat litter, leashes, collars, towels, blankets, newspapers, bandages and cotton balls.
- 2 **What can people do to help stop puppy mills? They can avoid buying puppy mill dogs by adopting a pet from an animal shelter instead.**
- 3 **What should you do if you see a wild animal tangled in lights or other objects? Call the local animal control agency, wildlife rehabilitator or state wildlife officer.**
- 4 **Paper snowflakes are fun and pretty to make. How can you help animals by placing them on your windows? The snowflakes—and other items placed on or near windows—keep birds from colliding with the window.**
- 5 **A rhesus macaque is a kind of monkey.**

ANSWERS

Pet care crossword

FROM PAGE 7

1. brush
2. collars
3. leash
4. water
5. safety
6. healthy
7. pet



Online Activity Sheet

SHARING OUR WORLD

It's important to respect and protect animals!