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Most fads—dance crazes, the latest fashions—tend to be harmless. As this issue of *Kind News* illustrates, however, purchasing a “pet of the moment” can have disastrous results for the animal and cause harm to the environment. With the release of Disney/Pixar’s film, *Finding Dory*, animal protection and conservation groups are urging consumers not to buy fish like Dory, a royal blue tang, or other wild-caught fishes as pets. They have complex needs that cannot be replicated in home aquariums, resulting in high mortality rates. Most saltwater species offered for sale for home aquariums are captured in the wild, often using cyanide that kills coral and other animals.



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activities to use in
your classroom.

COMMON CORE-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES

RI.K-2.6 Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain or describe. Discuss “Fad pets, sad pets” with your class. Ask students: What is the author trying to tell us? Can they point to places in the text where the author gives reasons and/or evidence to support his or her opinion? Which of the author’s points stands out to them the most? Do they think that some people may change their plans to buy blue tangs after reading the article?

SL.K-2.5 Add drawings or other visual displays to express thoughts and feelings. If you’re receiving *Kind News* as a gift in the Adopt-a-Classroom program, the month of November is the perfect time to have students create cards thanking your adopter for his or her generosity. We’re sure your adopter would love to hear from you and your students.

L.K-2.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. Celebrate Noah Webster’s birthday (October 16, 1758) by creating an animal dictionary as a class. Choose several animals to feature in the dictionary. Then ask students to describe each animal (using nouns, verbs and adjectives). Have students illustrate the dictionary.



BOOK NOOK

After students have guessed this month’s mystery critter, they can learn more about New York City’s famous red-tailed hawk in *The Tale of Pale Male* by Jeanette Winter, a true story that has

become near-legendary. After Pale Male (named for his paler-than-normal feathers) and his mate build a nest on a high-rise apartment building, controversy arises. Some building residents want the nest removed, claiming that the birds make too much of a mess with their food and droppings; others come to admire and adore the urban hawks. Removal of the nest (all 400 pounds of it!) results in a massive public outcry to restore it. A delightful, easy read for wildlife-watchers and animal-lovers of all ages—even if you already know this tale’s happy ending.



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ANSWERS

Online Activity Sheet SOMETHING'S FISHY

- 1 parrotfish** (When closed, a parrotfish’s mouth looks like a parrot’s beak. Parrotfish use their “beaks” to scrape algae from coral, which helps keep the coral healthy.)
- 2 porcupinefish** (When frightened, porcupinefish swallow water, causing their bodies to puff up and their spines to stick out.)
- 3 surgeonfish** (On either side of their tailfins, these fish have razor-sharp, bony keels that can cut as effectively as a surgeon’s knife.)
- 4 catfish** (After locating food with their whiskers, catfish scoop it up in their wide mouths.)
- 5 angelfish** (Among the most colorful species of fish, angelfish blend in well with their coral reef habitat.)
- 6 flashlight fish** (Bacteria that collect in pouches under their eyes give off a greenish glow that helps flashlight fish fend off predators, attract mates and see in dark water.)

Be word wise FROM PAGE 2

- | | |
|--------|--------|
| 1 fish | 5 bear |
| 2 bug | 6 tag |
| 3 hog | 7 bat |
| 4 mice | |

Picture perfect FROM PAGE 7

cat; cats; devils, today, well-known
aren’t, great, be; keep, indoors; not; cars, anyone, thinking
can; doors; to, find; nice, your; safe

KIND QUIZ

RL.K-2.1

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

- 1 Why might a squirrel dig a hole in your lawn?** Squirrels are burying acorns and other nuts to eat over the winter.
- 2 How big might a royal blue tang be when full-grown?** About a foot long (12 inches).
- 3 What size tank would fishes of that size need?** A tank about the size of a couch.
- 4 Why are woodchucks sometimes called whistle pigs?** They make a high-pitched whistle to warn other woodchucks of danger.

CRITTER CLUES / SL.K-2.2

Can your students guess the mystery critter?

- 1** If you want to see me, look up!
- 2** I like to perch up high—in trees, on cliffs and even on city buildings.
- 3** I’m big—my wingspan can reach 4 feet or more.
- 4** People with excellent eyesight might be compared to me.
- 5** I’m a meat-eater. I catch mice, snakes and other animals with my sharp claws.

Our mystery critter is a red-tailed hawk. Red-tails are birds of prey known for their spectacular soaring and hunting skills. In courtship, males soar high in the sky where they perform amazing dives and acrobatics to impress females—even catching prey and delivering it to their intended mates in mid-air. 🦅 When someone says that a person has “eyes like a hawk,” they mean that the person has excellent eyesight. Hawks perch up high to watch the ground below for unsuspecting prey such as mice, rabbits, squirrels and snakes. Then they swoop down, grabbing the prey in their sharp talons. The birds build large nests out of sticks, leaves and bark. 🦅 Red-tailed hawks make a high-pitched, scream like sound. 🦅 Pale Male is a famous red-tailed hawk who has nested on a tall apartment building in New York City for many years. Removal of his nest by building management in 2004 resulted in major protests from animal lovers, and Pale Male and his family were eventually allowed to return.