

## Animal Report



Due Date: April 11<sup>th</sup>

Each student should pick a reptile, amphibian, or mammal to report on.

Please bring in a picture of the animal you are reporting on. Or, if the animal you will be reporting on is your pet, if small enough, the class would love to have you bring it in to show us. It would also be fun to hear reports on exotic animals that very few of us have ever heard of. Students should choose the animal they would like to report on and sign up in class on 3/28. Please have a second choice in mind in case your first choice is taken. Students will choose different animals so that the class can learn about many different kinds. Please write a report about your animal that is at least one paragraph long that is in your own words and answers questions such as the following. Parents should adapt the requirements for the age of their child.

1. The animal's name: What does its name mean (if you can find out)? Sometimes this will tell you something interesting about your animal. For example, the name platypus means 'flat-footed'.
2. Appearance: What does your animal look like? How big is it? What does an average one weigh? Bring the animal, a picture, or a drawing to class.
3. Locomotion: Can your animal move? How? Fast? Slow?
4. Diet: What does your animal eat and how does it get its food?
5. Habitat: Where does your animal live?
6. Reproduction: Does your animal bear live young or lay eggs?
7. Behavior: Does your animal migrate or hibernate during winter?
8. Enemies: What animals eat or kill yours?
9. Special: Is there anything special about your animal that you would like to share? Perhaps you could build a habitat for your animal and bring in to show.
10. Is your animal an amphibian, a reptile, or a mammal? What characteristics does your animal have that helped you to figure out which group it belonged in?

### **Suggested animals**

(feel free to research and find one that is not on the list! It needs to be a mammal, reptile, or amphibian)

*Echidna, duck-billed platypus, moose, nutria, porcupine, capybara, howler monkey, blue whale, weasel, grizzly bear, kangaroo, opossum, Dutch Rabbit, aardvark, wolf hound, great dane, armadillo, sloth, anteater, grey-headed flying fox, megabat, vampire bat, Honduran white bat, hedgehog, Holstein dairy cow, quarter horse, timber rattlesnake, copperhead, blind snake, amazon tree boa, black rat snake, anaconda, king cobra, garter snake, corn snake, green snake, water moccasin, blue krait, komodo dragon, american alligator, Malayan Gharial, Gila monster, Western Chuckwalla, snapping turtle, pig nosed turtle, Leopard tortoise, Galapagos tortoise, caecilians, cane toad, poison dart frog, tiger salamander, Wallace's flying frog, leopard frog,*

