

OPINION

Tadpoles make fun classroom pets

Our class has tadpoles. Their names are Mr. Brown, Dr. Skinner, and Miss Daisy and they live in a fish tank in our classroom. We feed them six food pellets a day. Tadpoles are great classroom pets.

The tadpoles are really cute and they look funny. We watch them a lot through the glass. They like to swim and have long tails they use to swim fast through the water.

Tadpoles eventually become frogs. Having tadpoles at school is a great way to learn about the life cycle of frogs. They start as eggs and grow into embryos and then become tadpoles. They have gills and breathe under the water like fish. When their legs and lungs grow, they become frogs. When they get big, they swim to the top of the water so they can breathe the air.

When tadpoles turn into frogs, they can jump far and make funny noises. Our tadpoles do not make noises because they are not frogs yet. They eat a lot and they keep getting bigger even though their legs have not started growing. We think they will get some legs soon.



Imagine this wacky animal

We had fun using our imaginations to create a new animal. We came up with King Giglosaur, pictured above. King Giglosaur lives in the United States. It is cold where he lives. You can tell he is a boy and a king because he has big, long claws, fur, and scales.

Giglosaurs live to be 100 years old. They are grown-ups when they are 6 years old. Giglosaurs can walk and run fast but not swim or fly. They are not climbers. They lay eggs in a nest, five at a time. This King Giglosaur does not have any kids. When they do have kids, baby Giglosaurs are called Giggles.

King Giglosaur sleeps in a big sleeping cave with others. He roars and is loud. He does not

go to school. For fun, he plays in the water almost all day long. His favorite foods are Scooby Snacks and apples because they give him special powers. He does not do any special tricks without his favorite foods.

One day the king was attacked by a virus who jumped on his back. The virus held onto his scales and yelled "giggy-up." He had four arms and was strong. King Giglosaur started running and scratching because the virus made him itch and giggle. He found some Scooby Snacks and gobbled them up, and the virus that was riding on him disappeared. He giggled some more.

Can you imagine this wacky animal as vividly as we did?

WHAT THEY SAID

James, a May Center student, spent time learning about aardvarks for this issue of Fun Pages. We asked him what he learned about this unique, pig-like animal.

Question. What is an aardvark and where does it live?

Answer. It's a medium sized animal that stays awake at night and sleeps during the day. Aardvarks live in Africa in holes in the ground.



Q. What do aardvarks look like?

A. They have big ears and a long tail and a snout. They are also gray and have long nails.

Q. Is there something unique about the aardvark's tongue?

A. It is long and sticky.

Q. What do they eat?

A. They eat ants and termites and fruits called aardvark cucumbers.

Q. How big do they grow? How long do they live?

A. They can weigh up to 180 pounds. Aardvarks can live to be more than 24 years old.

Q. What animals hunt aardvarks?

A. Lions and hyenas.

Q. How do aardvarks get away from their enemies?

A. They dig a burrow, fast, run in zig-zag, or fight with their claws.

Q. Do you like the aardvark?

A. Yes, I think it is a cool animal.

ANIMAL JOKES

How do you count cows?
With a cow-culator!

What do whales chew?
Blubbergum!

Person 1: Knock, knock.
Person 2: Who's there?
Person 1: Gorilla.
Person 2: Gorilla who?
Person 1: Gorilla me a burger!

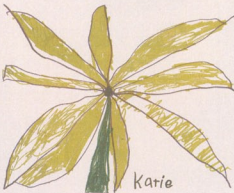


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PUZZLES

Unscramble the letters to form places animals live.

1. TROESF
2. ESNT
3. CONEA
4. ANRB
5. ETRF
6. NDE
7. EVYRR
8. IVHE
9. ROBWUR
10. EWB

Find the hidden words about animals.

- MONKEY
PARROT
BEAR
ELEPHANT
LION
GIRAFFE
TIGER
HIPPO
GORILLA
PANDA

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ANSWERS

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