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 tadpoles 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.

Animal Jokes

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

What do whales chew? Blubber gum!

Person 1: Knock, knock.
Person 2: Who’s there?
Person 3: Gorilla.
Person 2: Gorilla who?
Person 3: Gorilla me a burger!

What Animals Ate

King Gigamouth is a big, deep-dwelling creature who eats other animals. He has a huge mouth and he is not very quick. He is a very interesting creature, and he is very slow. We like to imagine this wacky animal as very silly as we did.

Your Art

A Selection From Our Mailbox

“My Favorite Toy” By Bret Magness, 3rd, Hallston

“Potamia” By Katie Ann Miracle, 6th, Norton

“My Dog Fuzzy and a Bird” By Katherine Zhang, 6th, Arton

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.

Answer: 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 eat?
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 bananas.

Q. How big do they grow? How long do they live?
A. They can weigh up to 200 pounds. Aardvarks can live to be more than 20 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.

Puzzles

Unscramble the letters to form places animals live.

1. TROSGF
2. EBSN
3. COWE
4. ANNS
5. STAE
6. NRE
7. DIER
8. BIRE
9. KIMNOW
10. EBOS

Find the hidden words about animals.

MONKEY
PARROT
BEAR
ELEPHANT
LION
GIRAFFE
TIGER
HIPPO
GORILLA
ANDRA

Pandamgby
Uffgdoeezeg
Xjnhranbj
Kprigzw
Delhapant
Ylgspfotnp
Apotigrick
Alnetrolkk
Fludcxtww
Wwuvqbgwy

Answers

1. TROSGF = Trough
2. EBSN = Eaten
3. COWE = Cowe
4. ANNS = Anns
5. STAE = Stae
6. NRE = Nre
7. DIER = Dier
8. BIRE = Bire
9. KIMNOW = Kimnow
10. EBOS = Ebos

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