

Animals

April 2007

Children are usually interested in all kinds of animals. Point out dogs, birds, insects and worms that they see everyday. Talk about what the animals eat and how they move. Read books that teach children real things about animals. Pets can play an important role in children's lives. They can teach children responsibility if you let children help take care of the animals. Pets can be good listeners. Children can talk to them about what is going on in their lives. They can also be someone to play with.

VIEW

Curious George – Curious George Takes a Dive #129b

- Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 25 at 11:30 a.m.
- Monday, April 30, 2007 at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 11:30 a.m.

George makes friends with a turtle down at Lake Wanasink Lake but worries that because the turtle has no thumbs, it's going to get a lot of water up its nose when it goes into the lake. The solution is to bring the turtle home and keep it in the bathtub. But the turtle is just not happy in the bathtub and when George brings home fish and weeds and frogs from the lake to keep it company, The Man with the Yellow Hat isn't very happy either.

It's a Big, Big World – Flying Fish #136a

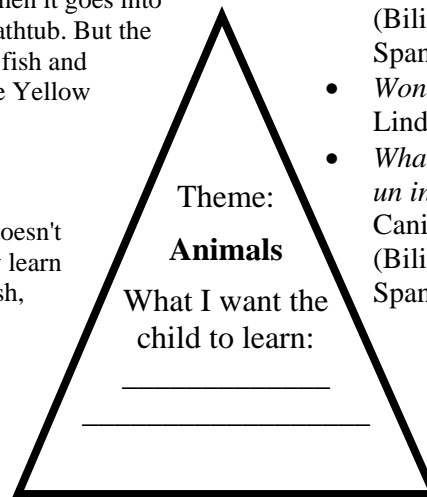
- Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.
- When Ick tells Wartz that there is a kind of fish that can fly, Wartz doesn't believe that can be true. But, when he and Burdette visit Snook, they learn that there are all kinds of amazing animals in the world, including fish, squirrels, and snakes that glide through the air!

Reading Rainbow – Chickens Aren't the Only Ones #408

- Monday, April 30, 2007 at 2 p.m.
- Chickens are not the only animals that lay eggs. In this book we learn that many animals lay eggs. This means they are oviparous. A look at all the different kinds of animals that hatch from eggs is the emphasis of this episode.

READ

- *Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!* by Bob Barner
- *Bugs for Lunch* by Margery Facklam
- *Butterfly/Mariposa* by Susan Canizares (Bilingual in English and Spanish)
- *Wonderful Worms* by Linda Glaser
- *What is an Insect?/Que es un insecto?* by Susan Canizares and Mary Reed (Bilingual in English and Spanish)



The Learning Triangle

DO

- "Follow the Leader" is a fun game for the whole family. Try the "Animal Walk" game. The leader walks like an animal and the rest follow. Play the game again and again walking like a different kind of animal each time. The leader could be an animal from the zoo, farm, or a wild animal.
- Find pictures of animals in magazines or have your child draw them and make a collage. Write the animal's name on the paper. Talk about where the animals live, how many legs they have and what color they are. Help your child look at the pictures and talk about how the animals are different. Example: A cat has paws; a bird has _____ (wings).
- Have your child draw a picture of a pet that they would like to have someday. Ask her to talk about the pet with you. Ask questions: "Where would the pet live? What would you feed it?" Help your child write what she says on the picture.
- Play "Guess the Animals." Give your child animal cookies or pictures of animals. Ask him to choose a cookie or a picture out of a bag. Tell him to make the noise the animal makes or move like the animal does. See if the other family members can guess what animal the child is.
- Go to a zoo, veterinarian's office, farm or visit a friend who has animals. Check out the different animals and learn more about them!

Tip of the Month

Set a good example. Take a look at your own T.V. habits. How much TV do you watch? What kinds of shows do you watch when your children are in the room? Think about ways you could change your own habits to set a good example.

Tap shows you enjoy watching that may not be good for your children to see and watch them at a later time.