



Summer Scoop

Wild About Reading



Campers learned through experiences in the Children's Village and special field trips of the need to protect endangered animals and the earth. The use of iPad technology supported the students' research and writing about the

environment and the WILD CREATURES in it. The students had the chance to observe wild animals and learn how to take an active part in caring for our planet. Who says summer learning wouldn't be fun!

Gorillas

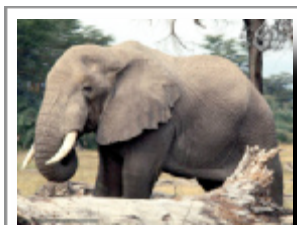
A gorilla is the largest ape. It looks like a monkey but does not have a tail. We see gorillas in the zoo but they really live in Africa. They live in a family called a troop. The old males are called silverbacks. Gorillas sleep in a nest made of plants and grass. Gorillas are endangered. Be careful and take care of the earth so gorillas do not become extinct.



by: Torrie, Jenna and Nathan

ELEPHANTS

Elephants are the most powerful land animal in the world. Many elephants live in Africa. A family of elephants could walk by people and they would not hear them coming.



Elephants drink more than 40 gallons of water every day. They flap their enormous ears to stay cool. Be careful when you walk near elephants because some elephants throw rocks.

by: Xiaoli, Valerie and MaKenna



Save the Earth



We must recycle to save the earth. It is important to take care of animal habitats for them to survive. We help by taking our plastic, cans and paper to the recycling center. People should not litter. It can hurt the animals and fish. If we cut down trees, we have to plant more or the animals will die.

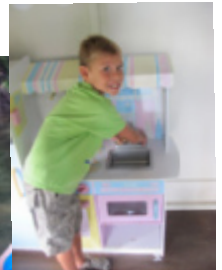
By James, Aedan and Ethan.

THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE GOES GREEN!

We brought the three R's (reduce, reuse, recycle) to the Children's Village. We stressed the importance of:

- keeping the village clean (no littering)
- taking reusable bags on our shopping trips
- reducing water waste
- and supporting nature.

Now we can look for ways to save the earth just like at Nine Mile Run.



OUR FAVORITE BOOKS

Jenna - [Giraffes Can't Dance](#)

MaKenna - [Do You Eat Grass?](#)

Torrie - [Gorilla Garage](#)

Ethan - [My Big Book of Animals](#)

James - [Dragon of the Red Dawn](#)

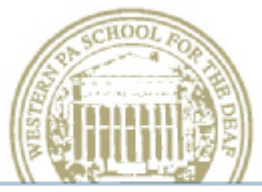
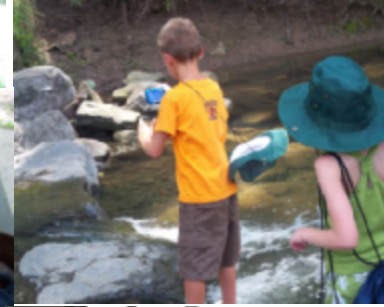
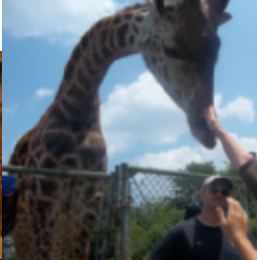
Nathan - [Curious George in the City](#)

Aedan - [Curious George](#)

Valerie - [Katya's Busy Morning](#)

Xiaoli - [Giant Panda Gift from China](#)

WILD MEMORIES



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

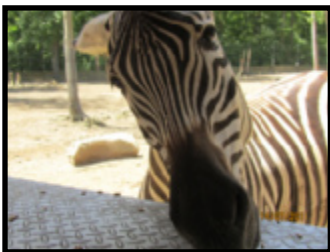
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GIRAFFE

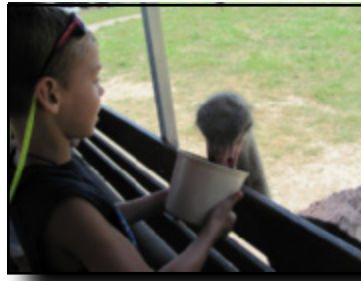


by: Aedan, Ethan, James, Jenna, MaKenna, Nathan, Torrie, Valerie, and Xiaoli

The giraffe is the tallest mammal on earth. Did you know that a giraffe's tongue is purple to prevent a sunburn? A giraffe can pick up and hold a carrot in its' tongue. It can even pick its' nose with its tongue. Although our necks are shorter than a giraffe's, they have the same number of bones (vertebrate), seven. We want to warn you! If you get too close, a giraffe can bump you with its' head, kick and even drool on you. Even though giraffes are not endangered, please help protect the earth so they will not become extinct.



WAGON TRAIL SAFARI



by: Xiaoli, Torrie, Valerie, Nathan, MaKenna, Aedan, and James

Do you want to see more than 400 animals? Then go and visit Wagon Trails Safari in Ohio. There were: baby pot belly pigs, water buffalos, camels, deer, elk, mini ponies, ostriches, llamas, swans, turtles, Koi fish, donkeys and zebras. We fed and petted them. Be careful; the animals might steal your bucket of food. Watch your fingers; some animals bite. You may even get licked. We loved it. It was fun!

**WHAT AN
ADVENTURE IT
HAS BEEN!**



Fantastic Field Trips

July 11th, 2011

Pittsburgh Zoo - to touch and feed a giraffe.

July 12th, 2011

Nine Mile Run- hike to explore the idea of conserving Earth's natural resources

July 13th, 2011

Pittsburgh Zoo - rainforest to see or touch a macaw, skink, hissing cockroach and tarantula.

July 14th, 2011

Wagon Trails - Safari to see and feed: bison, water buffalo, camels, antelope, and even a zebra

July 15th, 2011

Construction Junction - to recycle

Pittsburgh Zoo - Africa to learn about endangered species

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