



# October



## Ms. Anna's Classroom Newsletter Specials

### Animal Enrichment and Keeper's talk

Preschoolers visited polar bear, Sakari with Ms. Caitlin the polar bear keeper. They even prepared breakfast for Sakari. A delicious blend of chicken noodle soup and dog food. Ms. Caitlin answered the question of whether a polar bear can be a pet! Polar bears cost a lot of money and need a big space like the zoo. She said instead of having them as a pet, to come visit Sakari anytime at the Zoo. Fun Fact: Sakari eats 40 lbs. of food a day! That's more than we eat in a year!



Peanut Butter!



### Animal Ambassador (Pet Project)

Ms. Hannah, Education Staff brought in, Clemm, a spotted turtle. Clemm is 16 years old! Clemm was a not touch animal because Spotted turtles are disappearing from the wild and they need to be protected. Clemm was tiny with cute spots on his shell.



Visited baby goats, Daphne and Josie to celebrate Heritage Farm Month. They are only 6 months old. What an amazing experience to pet and feed the baby goats inside the pen! We felt so special!



Mr. Jacob gave a keeper's talk on hyena! The Zoo has 2 hyenas named, Taz and Grungie. Mr. Jacob confirmed that hyena would not be a good animal to have as a pet. They are too big with very strong jaws! Hyenas love the warmth and even have a heated rock to lay on. Their favorite treat to eat is peanut butter!

Ms. Jane brought in, Benjamin, a black Holland Lop Rabbit. Benjamin is 2 years old and he was a little nervous at first. The children stayed very quiet to make Benjamin feel more comfortable. They learned that he likes to eat veggies and even flowers. Everyone got a chance to give him a touch!







## Visiting Experts



Ms. Lindsay, art teacher helped us make marionettes as pets. The kids presented a puppet show for Ms. Anna! Ms. Laurie started yoga with the preschoolers! They did deep breathing and animal poses like a butterfly. Yoga ties into mindfulness lessons focusing on slow movements to be mindful of the body.



We are planting all year round! Ms. Hilary planted bulbs, crocus and daffodils with the kids. The first plan was placing burlap to protect the bulbs from being eaten by the squirrels. When it didn't work, the chicken wire was added.



## Socials

We were featured on Channel 7! Rebecca, Channel 7 reporter visited the classroom and explored the Pet Project with the class. She saw how we prepared Sakari's breakfast and joined us in watching him eat all of it!



**Pumpkin Fest!** Each kid brought in their own special pumpkin that they picked out. They decorated them with their Book Buddies. The kids shared why their pumpkin is special! Some were big, some small, some had bumps and others were white in color!



**Make Believe Day!** The kids performed three songs and danced to Monster Mash! They had a fun parade with family members. Book buddies, Zoo staff, and keepers gave out special treats to the kids. There was a trivia game played with family members and parents helped out in small group activities. An animal ambassador visit concluded the event from Wednesday, the vulture and was presented by Ms. Mandy, Education staff. It was such a fun celebration with everyone!



## Kitchen Corner

We made yummy cookies with Ms. Anna inspired from "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" book! We also made tasty apple pie tart with Ms. Hilary inspired from "Bella's Fall Coat" book!



**YUMM!**

## Shout Outs



Thank you to Mystery Readers: Corey (Hannah's dad) and Katie (Corinne's mom)!

Thank you Sandy for decorating the classroom for Make Believe Day!

