

Educational visit to Krazy World Zoo

Nowadays it is very important for children to have practical activities to complement the theoretical classes, so they can be stimulated and add more interest to the traditional teaching methods. Krazy World Zoo decided to have a more active role in schools so we developed a new educational way of visiting the zoo. In this new approach, children from different ages will have specific topics and presentations during the visits as specified in the table below:

Educational visit per grade

From kindergarten to 2nd grade

- · Guided visit to Terra Exótika
- · Lemurs presentation
- · Exotic animals presentation
- · Guided visit to the petting farm
- · Guided visit to our biological garden
- · Treasure hunt

3rd and 4th grades

- Guided visit to Terra Exótika, including keeper talks about coatis and macaws
- · Keeper talk about lemurs
- · Exotic animals presentation
- · Guided visit to the petting farm
- · Guided visit to our biological garden
- · Treasure hunt

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- · Different habitats
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Educational visit per grade

5th and 6th grades

- Guided visit to Terra Exótika, including keeper talks about raccoons and prairie dogs
- · Keeper talk about lemurs
- · Exotic animals presentation
- · Guided visit to the petting farm
- · Guided visit to our biological garden
- · Treasure hunt

7th, 8th and 9th grade

- Guided visit to Terra Exótika, including keeper talks about alligator snapping turtle and birds of prey
- · Keeper talk about lemurs
- · Exotic animals presentation
- Dinosaurs presentation
- · Invasive species talk
- · Treasure hunt

Main topics discussed

- · Terrestrial and aquatic animals
- · The importance of water for animals
- · Relation between animal characteristics and environmental conditions
- · Invasive species
- · Animals diet and adaptations to different diets
- · The important role of plants for animals
- · Animals as seed dispersers
- · Summary of the topics from 5th and 6th grades
- · Geological timescale
- · Human impacts on ecosystems
- Impacts of pollution, deforestation, fires and invasive species in the ecosystems
- How to preserve the environment and maintain ecosystems balance

The guided visits to Terra Exótika and petting farm are a fun and interactive way for students to discover our animal collection and to explore specific characteristics and peculiarities of our animals. The visit to the biological garden is a good way to approach environmental issues as well as natural resources and sustainability. Our keeper talks about some of our animals will develop the interest and reflection about the discussed topics based on specific examples.

At the end of our visits we have the treasure hunt, a fun and educational activity that will allow the children to search for the answers autonomously. The questions are adapted by grade to assure that the children will be able to solve their own problems and to stimulate them to work as a team to achieve their goals.

The educational visit can be made in English and can be booked by phone or e-mail.

