Getting Started: Parent Letter

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Dear Family,

This week we started a new theme unit, and it's one preschoolers love—animals! Your child will be learning about different animals and, hopefully, talking about them, too. An important part of our animal studies is helping young learners understand that animals, like people, must be treated with kindness and respect.

As we complete a variety of activities, we will investigate simple ways children can make a difference in the lives of animals near and far. We need animals, and animals need us. We're all in this together!

Sincerely,

Mark Your Calendar

The first full week in May is Be Kind to Animals Week®. This event encourages Americans of all ages to take action toward improving the well-being of our nation's animals and to spread the word about the value of treating all of earth's creatures with care and compassion.

Encourage your preschooler to spot animals in his or her daily routine. "There's a zebra on my bookbag!"

Be Kind to Animals Week® has been celebrated for more than 100 years. Learn how to show your compassion for animals at **AmericanHumane.org.**

What Can I Do to Help?

Here are a few things you and your family can do to show compassion for animals:

- Look for the "American Humane Certified" seal when purchasing eggs, meats, and dairy products. This seal certifies that these are the products of humanely raised animals.
- Look for the "No Animals Were Harmed"® end-credit on movies and television programs that feature animal actors. This credit certifies that all animals on set were treated with respect and kindness.
- Help save millions of animals by choosing to adopt pets from our nation's shelters and by making sure to include your pets in the family's personal disaster plan.

- Help your children understand and appreciate endangered and disappearing animals by taking them to certified and accredited zoos, aquariums, and conservation centers.

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