

# Networking Urban Resources with Teachers and University to enRich Early Childhood Science



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## Animal Observations



Dear Families,

Watching animals is an excellent way to learn about their behaviors, how they interact with their environment and what makes them special from other animals. All animals have unique adaptations and behaviors so let's study some in this activity using the Window on Wildlife or your own backyard.

### Explore

- 1 Spend a few minutes and observe the animals through the Window on Wildlife or in your own backyard at home. What do you see? What are the animals doing?
- 2 You can learn a lot about an animal by watching how it eats, when it runs, what it does from minute to minute. Take some time together to watch the animals and discuss what they are doing by using the questions to the right.

### Materials

Your five senses  
Paper  
Pencil

### Discuss

Ask these questions during the activity:

What were the animals doing? What behaviors did you see? Why did they behave that way?

Does this animal need these behaviors to help them find food, water or shelter? What about safety?

Where do you think these animals learned these behaviors?

### Think

#### Try this at home!

Find a live animal outside or in your own home. This could be a pet, a house spider or other animal outside. Look high and low! Using your eyes watch this animal for 10 minutes. Every minute write what the animal is doing. (Ex: Eating, walking, flying, resting, searching) How did it do these things? What body part did it use?

At the end of 8 minutes, use your last 2 minutes to think about how the animal behaved. Why do you think it behaved this way?

