



Today, we had a WILD adventure!

Our class took a virtual field trip to Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute in Washington D.C. We had so much fun learning about animals and even got to see some animals up close. Students met educators and animal care staff who encouraged us to think, ask questions, and explore nature.

Today's adventure was part of a collection of programs from the National Zoo called Conservation Classroom, which are designed to engage students in learning about animals, science, and the environment. This fit with what we are learning this year and was a fun change for the class.

You can ask your student:

- What animal did you see on your virtual field trip to the zoo today?
- What was the animal doing when you saw it?
- Do we have animals like that who live near our home? If not, what animals can we find?
- What is one thing we can do at home to help save animals?

If students need a reminder about ways to help animals, suggest one of the following:

- Can we use less plastic to help save animals? That helps make sure plastic doesn't end up in animal homes like forests, lakes, and the ocean.
- Should we find plants and animals living near our home? It is fun to explore nature large and small! We can have our own adventure.
- Could we go on a group clean-up with some friends? We could wear gloves and pick up trash to make sure it is safely out of animal habitats or homes.

To learn more about the topic and animals we saw today, scan the QR code with your phone. The code will take you to the National Zoo's Conservation Classroom webpage where you will find extra videos and activities to take your student's learning further.

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