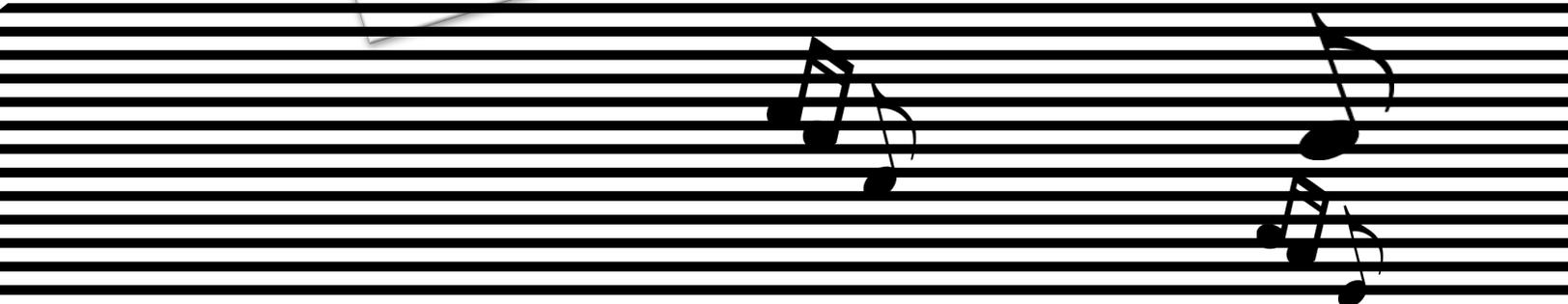


Unicorn Jazz Zoo Field Trip Guide





About Unicorn Jazz

 Unicorn Jazz is a dazzling young unicorn with incandescent purple hair, a golden horn and shining hooves to match. Although quite timid in nature, her most stunning quality is her voice in song. When she and her parents move to a new place for the first time, she finds herself at odds with the other animal members.

Jazz's adventures take place at a Zoo. In real life, the El Paso Zoo is located in El Paso, Texas and has been a longtime community landmark and family favorite and where author, Lisa Caprelli, grew up. Lisa was inspired by her own zoo memories. She included the historical zoo animal, Mona the Elephant, in the story because it was a favorite attraction as a child. "Let's go see Mona! was a common request I had as a little girl," Lisa recalls.

"I encourage children to visit your local zoo to discover, get outdoors, encourage bonding, explore and enjoy through a fresh perspective."

Educators can create more childhood memories by making the most of their classroom zoo visits. The *Unicorn Jazz*™ Field Trip Guide is designed to help

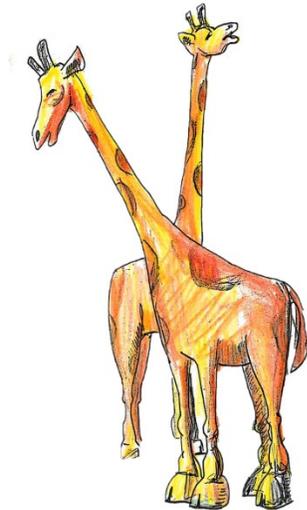


students think critically, make predictions, and explore the zoo environment with curiosity and excitement.

This guide includes:

- Pre-visit discussion questions
- Guided field trip activities
- Post-visit reflection questions
- Observation worksheets
- Coloring page sheets

All activities are aligned to meet the **Common Core State Standards** and **Next Generation Science Standards**.



As you read the story, point out that the animals live at a zoo. Explain that students will visit a real-life zoo and may see animals similar to the characters in the story. Ask students to predict which animals they will see at the zoo, and which animals do not actually live at the zoo. (Example: We will not see unicorns at the zoo because they are not real). Students can record their predictions on the Field Trip Prediction worksheet. They will revisit this worksheet and check their predictions after the field trip.

Planning for the Field Trip

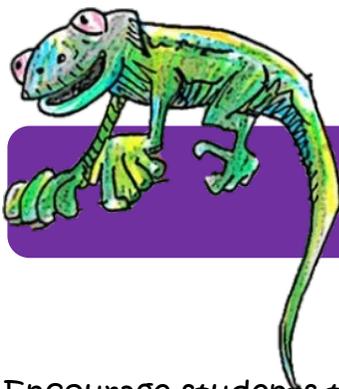
Assess student background knowledge by asking questions such as:

- Have you ever visited a zoo before?
- How do you know which type of animals live at the zoo?
- Where else can you find animals like the characters from *Unicorn Jazz*? (jungle, swamp, aquarium, beach, etc.)
- What are some favorite songs about animals?
- What do the animals eat?

- Who takes care of the animals at the zoo?
- What parts of the world do some animals come from?

Explore other subject areas with student activities such as:

- Researching your local zoo history on the Internet
- Finding photos of zoo animals in their natural habitat
- Exploring fun facts about zoo animals (average weight, height, diet, etc.)
- Make sketches of zoo animals to display around the room
- Write interview questions to ask zookeepers and tour guides on the trip



Field Trip Activities

Encourage students to explore the zoo environment with their senses.
Ask question such as:

- What do you notice about the elephant's skin?
- What kind of sounds do monkeys make?
- What makes each animal unique?
- How are real-life animals similar/different to the characters in *Unicorn Jazz*?

Students can use the observation/zoo animal sketches worksheets to record what they see, hear, etc.

More possible zoo activities:

- **Identify animals** similar to a unicorn (rhino, horse, etc.)
- Play a game of **I Spy** with animals from the story
- **Investigate** each animal's personal story and background
- Take **photos** with a camera to make a Classroom scrapbook or slideshow





Field Trip Prediction Worksheet

Make predictions about the zoo trip. Check your predictions after the trip.

I think that I will see...

I do not think that I will see...

I think that my favorite animal will be...

Reflect on what happened during the field trip. Were your predictions correct? Why or why not?





Zoo Observation Worksheet

Write down what you see, hear, smell or more during your zoo trip.

Animal Name	Description





Zoo Animal Sketches

Use additional sheets to sketch if necessary. Show them off on your wall and take home for parents. Can be made into a greeting card.

Sketch #2

Sketch #1

Sketch #3



