

## Introduction to Zoology

*for Kindergarten through Second Grade Students*

This is a printable lesson schedule, suggested class schedule, and resource list. For more information and blog posts for each week, please visit [CottonRidgeHomeschool.com](http://CottonRidgeHomeschool.com)

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# Weekly Lesson Schedule

Week 1: Classification of Animals

Week 2: Animal Habitats

Week 3: Fish

Week 4: Seals (Sea Lions & Walruses), Otters and Manatees

Week 5: Whales & Dolphins

Week 6: Reptiles and Amphibians

Week 7: Butterflies and Other Insects

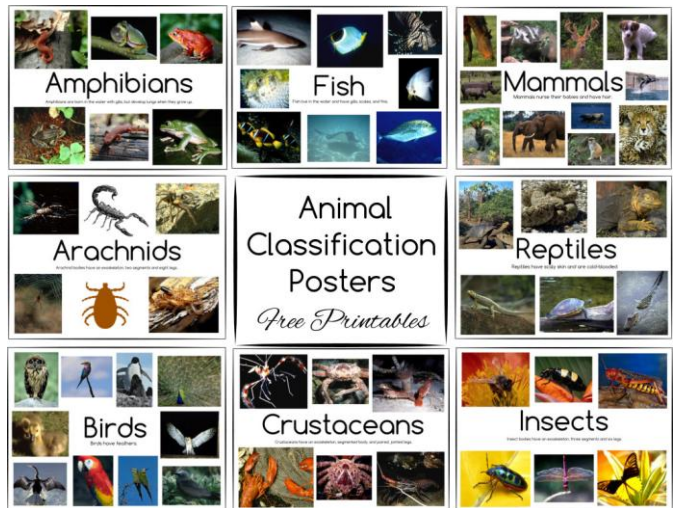
Week 8: Wild Cats

Week 9: Elephants

Week 10: Dogs, Wolves, and Foxes

Week 11: Bears

Week 12: Birds of Prey



# Suggested Class Schedule

**Note:** The following schedule is for a 2-hour class. We also allowed time each week for *Show-and-Tell*, which is not included below.



## 1. Introduction & Map Activity (Floor: 5 Minutes)

Introduce the animal(s) of the week and locate habitat(s) on world map.

## 2. Poetry (Floor: 5 Minutes)

Read a poem related to today's lesson.

## 3. Animal Encyclopedia (Floor: 5 - 10 Minutes)

Read one - four pages about the animal(s) from a children's animal encyclopedia with large photos of animals. Encourage discussion by asking "What is one thing you remember about the animal?" and/or "What is the most interesting thing you remember?"

## 4. Activities (Floor or Table: 25 - 30 Minutes)

Games and hands-on projects related to today's lesson.

## 4. Animal Science Notebook (Table: 10 - 15 Minutes)

Pass out binders and crayons, markers and/or colored pencils. Explain any special instructions for the current lesson's worksheets.

## 5. Snack (Table: 10 - 15 Minutes)

Pass out a snack related to today's lesson. Be sure to check with your children's parents/caretakers for any food allergies ahead of time.

## 6. Story (Floor or Table: 5 - 10 Minutes)

Story related to today's lesson. You can read this to the students while they are eating the snack if you are short on time.

## 7. Arts and Crafts (Table: 20 - 25 Minutes)

Art or craft project related to today's lesson.

## General Resources Needed

- [Discovery Kids Fabric Activity World Map](#) OR [World Wall Map by Wall Pops](#) (or use a plain World Map, and cut out pictures of animals to affix to the map)
- Free Animal Sounds App for your phone or tablet (search on "Free Animal Sounds in app store")
- Washable Markers, Crayons, and/or Colored Pencils
- White Glue
- Glue Sticks
- [Child-Safe Scissors](#)
- Plates, Bowls, Napkins, Utensils, Small Cups (for snacks)
- Computer with Black and White [Printer](#) (color printer optional)
- Construction Paper
- Printer Paper
- Card Stock Paper for printer
- Small [animal figures](#) from these classes: Mammals, Fish, Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects, Arachnids, Crustaceans. Try to find animals from these habitats: Farm, Wild (Forests), Desert, Jungle, Polar, Ocean, Pets.
- ***Animal Science Journal*** filled with worksheets and coloring pages for each child - assemble before the first class (*post containing list and free printables coming soon*)



# Book List

Be sure to check your local library to see if they have some of these books!

**One or two children's animal encyclopedias** - I used [DK First Animal Encyclopedia](#) and [Usborne Children's Encyclopedia of Animals](#).

**Reproducible project and worksheet books** about animals. I used the following books, as well as worksheets from [education.com](#):

- [Hands-On Minds-On Science: Animals](#)
- [Circle-Time Poetry: Science](#)
- [The Best Of The Mailbox Theme Series: Bears \(PreK/Kindergarten\)](#)

**Story and poetry books** about animals. I used the following

- [The Llama Who Had No Pajama: 100 Favorite Poems](#) by Mary Ann Hoberman and Betty Fraser
- [National Geographic Kids Animal Stories](#) by Jane Yolen and Jui Ishida
- [At This Very Moment](#) by Jim Arnosky
- [Winter's Tail](#) by Craig Hatkoff and Juliana Hatkoff
- [Flossy and the Fox](#) by Patricia McKissack and Rachel Isadora
- [The Mixed-Up Chameleon](#) by Eric Carle
- [Aesop's Fables](#) (look in your local library for a children's version)

