



School-Home Connection

Your child is reading “Nights of the Pufflings,” a non-fiction article written and photographed by Bruce McMillan. This selection describes how puffins, which are small sea birds, come to shore on an island near Iceland to raise their chicks. It also tells how, on the nights when the young birds leave their nests and attempt to fly out to sea, the children of the island help by rescuing baby birds that crash-land on the island. These children later release the rescued birds into the sea.

Watch a Wildlife Program

Ask your child to choose a wildlife show on TV to watch with you, or borrow a wildlife video from your local library to watch with your child. Encourage your child to take notes as you watch. Afterward, ask him or her to summarize the information presented in the program. Then share with each other your personal reactions to the program and its content.

VOCABULARY

Word Scramble

The following words are new vocabulary your child has learned::

uninhabited
venture
nests

burrows
stranded
instinctively

Play a word-scramble game. Choose three words and scramble the letters in each to create nonsense words. Have your child do the same. Then take turns trying to unscramble the words, and use them correctly in sentences.



TIME TO READ

Encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes outside of class each day.

Visit an Animal Shelter

Your child might benefit from a family visit to an animal shelter to learn firsthand how animals are cared for there, what the shelter does to try to find new homes for strays, and how volunteers can help. As an alternative, you might visit a farm, a zoo, a pet store, or another place where animals are kept and cared for, so your child can observe and learn about caring for animals.

