



Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child's class recently participated in the Living Classroom lesson **Animal Homes**. During this lesson, students learned how the structure of an animal's home supports its functions, identified and discussed animal adaptations in the context of building homes, and connected their learning to human homes.

The lesson began with an exploration of different types of homes that animals live in (ex. nests, shells, and burrows) and a discussion of the reasons that animals build homes: protection from predators, shelter from weather, collect and store food, and raise their young (offspring). Students then tested their knowledge of the reasons animals build homes by playing a version of "4 Corners game" where they were presented with a picture of an animal home and had to go to the corner of the room that had the corresponding reason.

Students were then divided into small groups for an animal homes scavenger hunt around the school campus. During this scavenger hunt, students were looking for three things: materials that animals could use to build their homes, actual examples of animal homes, and traces of animals, such as a dropped feather or a footprint. Students recorded their observations by circling their findings on a scavenger hunt handout.

Back in the classroom, students drew pictures of their favorite animal, type of home, and where it was found on campus. Be sure to ask your child their favorite finding from the scavenger hunt! We wrapped up by reading [Do Turtles Sleep in Treetops?](#) by Laura Purdie Salas that students found entertaining!

Warm regards,

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