MY FAVORITE ANIMAL IS...

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**Autographs**
Dear Students,

These past few months working on our animal book have been so exciting! Researching is such a great way to learn and you did a great job becoming an expert on your animal. I am so proud of the book that you have created and I love that this is something that you will be able to keep forever. The other students from our class will be able to read your writing and become an expert on all of these different animals as well! What a great memory to take with you to remember your second grade year! I love each and every one of you and I am so proud of how far you have all come this year!

Love,

Mr. Rash
P.S. Special thanks to the Clemson interns from the Pearce Center for all of your help, patience, and kindness you have shown to my students and to me this year. We couldn’t have done any of this without you and I am very grateful to each and every one of you for the time and effort you dedicated!
My favorite book is the Amazing Pop-Up Geography Book because it has a mountain and volcano. My favorite place is my Aunt’s house because she has an iPad. My favorite food is pizza because it has pepperonis. I love the color blue.
My animal is a panda. Pandas have fur. My animal eats bamboo. I love that pandas fall and cuddle. I learned that they fall and cuddle and they are pink when they are born and super little. I hope you learned more about pandas!
My favorite book is The Book With No Pictures because it is funny. My favorite place is the beach because it is relaxing to hear the waves. My favorite food is pizza because it is yummy. My favorite color is pink because it reminds me of bubblegum. My favorite school subject is science because we get to do fun projects.
I chose to write about Lynx Cats. My animal lives in Spain. Others live in the Iberian Peninsula. They have fur on them. They eat mice, deer, and snow rabbits. I learned they are very similar to bobcats. They can detect their food from over 280 miles away. Thanks for reading!! Hope you learned about lynx cats. Lol! Have a nice day!
My favorite book is the WWE book. My favorite place to go is my Nanny’s house. My favorite food is potato salad when my mom makes it. My favorite colors are blue and white. My favorite school subject is math and I like to do multiplication. A fun fact about me is that I learned how to make fireworks!
I am going to teach you about bulldogs. Bulldogs live in houses. My animal has fur. Bulldogs eat dog food. I love this animal because bulldogs run fast. Bulldogs protect you. They jump, and they play. Bulldogs are nice. These are some fun facts about bulldogs. You can train a bulldog. I hope you learned something about bulldogs.
My favorite book is Creepy Pair of Underwear because I love the smile of the underwear. My favorite place is McDonalds because they have toys! My favorite food is mac and cheese because it is very cheesy and it is yellow! I love the color blue because it is the color of the good side. My favorite subject is guidance because there is one lady in there that I love.
I chose to write about Dachshunds. My animal lives in a dog house. They are covered in fur and they like dog food and meat. Here are some facts I learned about them: They reach high because they are so long. Hopefully you learned something new about dachshunds!
My favorite books are by Dr. Suess because they are creative. My favorite place is school because you can learn. My favorite food is steak because it is good. My favorite color is red. My favorite school subject is math because it is fun!
My page is about sea turtles! Sea turtles live in the ocean. They have a shell on them. My animal eats seaweed, and jellyfish. A fun fact is that they have a hard shell. I hope you learned something about sea turtles!
My favorite book is Tree Frogs because their eyes are red. My favorite place is my home because I can play XBox. My favorite food is fish just like a cat! I love the color red. My favorite school subject is math because I like numbers.
I am writing about Tomcats! Tomcats live at a home! Tomcats eat fish and cat food. Tomcats have fur. I like my animal because it is fat and nice, and also furry. I love cats! But some are in danger. I hope you learned something about tomcats!
My favorite book is Goosebumps because it is scary. My favorite place to go is the movies because you get to watch new movies. My favorite food is pizza because I love the taste. My favorite color is blue because it is the color of my coat. My favorite subject is math because of addition.
TIGER SHARKS

BY CORTEZ CABRAL

Tiger sharks live in the ocean. But, unlike other sharks, a tiger shark has skin. They eat fish, shrimp, and other sharks. Fun Fact: a tiger shark is 14-18 feet long. Their tooth size is 0.9 inches. Animals like the tiger shark are endangered. Tiger sharks are very deadly. Tiger sharks have to be 15 years old before they can mate.
My favorite book is Goosebumps. I like to go to the aquarium because the animals are cool. My favorite food is macaroni and cheese. My favorite color is red. My favorite subject is math because we play fun games.
GERMAN SHEPHERDS

BY DEMONEY GROVES

My animal is a german shepherd. It lives in a home, and it has soft fur. German shepherds eat dog food. I like this animal because they listen to you, they play with you, and they can do tricks!
My favorite book is Creepy Pair of Underwear because it is funny. My favorite place is Los Angeles because it is a big city. My favorite food is pizza because it is cheesy. I like to color blue because it is a boy color. My favorite subject is math because it is easy.
LIONFISH

BY DIEGO BOYZO MEDINA

I am going to teach you about Lionfish. They are poisonous. A lionfish lives in the ocean. They have scales on them. Lionfish eat different fish. I like this animal because it looks like a lion! I hope you learned something about lionfish!
My favorite book is Junie B. Jones. I like to go to eat at McDonald’s. My favorite food is pizza. I like the color purple. My favorite thing to do at school is read.
My animal is a tarantula. My animal lives in Anderson, South Carolina. They have fur on them. They eat insects. I learned that they can bite. They are mean animals. I hope you learned something about a tarantula!
My favorite book is Survival: Could You Be A Fox? because they run fast. My favorite place to go is my aunt’s house because I like to play video games there. My favorite food is pizza and I love pepperoni on it. My favorite color is white because my tablet is white. I like to study science because we learn a lot about animals.
RABBITS

BY JAKYIA GREENLEE

I am learning about rabbits. My animal lives in woods. They eat carrots. Rabbits hop around the forest. They are good pets and you should like rabbit because they love y’all too. They are covered in fur! I hope you learned more about rabbits.
My favorite books are the Animal Books because they have every animal. My favorite place is the zoo because of the alligators. My favorite food is pizza because it has pepperoni. My favorite color is red. I like to do math because I like to answer the math questions.
I am going to teach you about monkeys. Monkeys live in the jungle. Monkeys eat fruit. I learned that monkeys swing and they can climb trees. They eat grass. A fun fact I learned is that monkeys can hang and can jump. I hope you learned more about monkeys!
My favorite book is Dogs because the pictures are so cute. My favorite place is school because my friends are here. I love to eat pizza. My favorite color is red because I like Valentine’s Day. My favorite subject in school is math because I am good at it.
POLAR BEARS

BY JERRIYAH MATTISON-WIDEMAN

I am telling you about polar bears. They are covered in white fur. My animal lives in Antarctica. They eat fish and dolphins and whales. Some fun facts I learned are they eat fish and they build their houses in ice houses. I hope you learned something about polar bears!
My favorite book is *Put Me In The Zoo* because it is a Dr. Seuss book. My favorite place is the mall because I like to shop. My favorite food is pizza because it has cheese and pepperoni. My favorite color is blue, and I like to wear blue clothing. My favorite subject is reading because I like to learn new words.
I am writing about turtles. A fun fact about a sea turtle is that it eats bugs. My animal lives in the sea. They are cold in the sea. I hope you learned more about sea turtles.
My favorite book is The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe because the characters can go to different lands. My favorite place is Lego Land because there is a lot of fun stuff there. My favorite food is lasagna because it is yummy. My favorite color is blue because it is the color of a lot of things. My favorite school subject is science.
My page is about tree kangaroos. Tree kangaroos live in the tropical rainforest. They have fur. My animal eats leaves and fruit. I learned that my animal has claws and is an endangered species. I hope you learned something new too!
My favorite book is Spiderman because he can swing on his webs. I like to go to the skating rink because now I learned how to skate and it is fun. I like to eat pizza. My favorite color is blue because Tayler wears blue! I like to do math and I like social studies too.
I am going to teach you about pythons. They are covered in scales. My animal lives in the forest. They eat pigs, eggs, and they crush food. I like them because they can eat their food whole.
My favorite book is Captain Underpants because I like funny books. My favorite place is the pizza buffet because I like pizza. My favorite food is cheese pizza. My favorite colors are red, green, and blue because they are the same color as my shoes. My favorite subject is science because we learn about pushes and pulls.
This page is about golden retrievers. Golden retrievers live in a backyard or the wild. They have fur on them. They like to eat dog food. I learned they like to sit on your lap and they like to play fetch. I hope you learned more about golden retrievers!
My favorite book is Junie B. Jones because she is funny. My favorite place to go is Golden Corral because I like food. My favorite food is pizza because I like cheese. My favorite color is black because black widows are black. My favorite subject is reading because I love to read about Junie B.
Black widow is the animal I am writing about. Black widows are spiders. My animal eats bugs. I learned that black widows are fabulous. Black widows eat the males. They climb trees. They are poisonous. They bite people. I hope you learned more about black widows!
My favorite book is about Fish. I like to go to Anderson. My favorite thing to eat is chips. I like the color yellow. My favorite school subject is math.
FOXES

BY WETCHY NORMIL

My page is about foxes. Foxes can live up to 14 years and some of them have black fur. Some are also orange. They live in the woods and they eat fish. Also they eat grass and rabbits. I hope you learned something about foxes.
My favorite book is Dog Man because it’s funny. My favorite place is the park where I play. I like to eat bananas. My favorite color is red. My favorite school subject is reading.
My animal is a tiger. A tiger lives in the jungle. My animal has fur. My animal has stripes on the fur. My animal eats meat. I like this animal because they are cool.
My favorite book is Junie B. Jones. My favorite place is Steppin’ Out because I like to dance. My favorite food is macaroni. My favorite color is pink. My favorite school subject is reading.
I am going to teach you about lizards! My lizards live in their cage. My animal has scales. My lizard eats crickets, worms, and flies. I learned that they can swim in a bowl! They can get aggressive. I hope you learned something about lizards!
Dear Mr. Rash’s 2nd Grade Class,

Thank you so much for letting the Pearce Center Interns work with your class to create and publish your very first book. Your stories turned out amazing and we are so proud of you! Our role in this project was to help you edit and publish your own stories, which we accomplished by visiting your class twice to provide writing and editing assistance. We really enjoyed working with you to help brainstorm ideas and edit the rough drafts of your stories. This project was important to us because we gained knowledge and understanding about the publishing process by working with you.

We really enjoyed working with each student and watching you grow as writers. We wanted your writing to represent the hard work that your 2nd grade class has completed, and we wanted to maintain your original voices. That being said, the Pearce Center made limited additional edits to your stories.
We hope you are excited to read this book over summer vacation, and we hope you will learn a lot about each other’s different favorite animals. We encourage you to learn more about your friends and to get excited for what the future holds for all of you.

Thank you for allowing us to join Mr. Rash’s class and to learn about you and your favorite animals. We had a great experience and loved reading each story!

Best Wishes,
The Pearce Center Interns
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