DISCOVERING: ENDANGERED SPECIES

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Dear Class,

I have loved being your second grade teacher! This has been an exciting project to be a part of with you all! I am so proud of the hard work you have put into the writing process and your illustrations. You guys never cease to amaze me with your creativity.
I have enjoyed watching you do research on endangered animals and discovering why they are considered endangered. We learned so many facts about these endangered animals.

You guys will always hold a special place in my heart. I hope that when you think back to second grade, you still feel the love that I have for you. I know that you guys have bright futures, and I know each one of you will do great things in your future. I look forward to hearing about your adventures!

Love,
Mrs. Bogan
My name is Kaegan, and I am a 2nd grader at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite book is *10 Apples Up on Top!* because it is a very funny book. My favorite food is Vienna Sausages and my favorite color is yellow. At school, I enjoy the subject of art because I like to draw.
The American Cream Horse is mostly found in Iowa where the weather is both hot and cold. The American Cream Horse is an endangered species because they are not needed on farms anymore to help with the crops. Baby American Cream horses have an eye color that changes from blue, to hazel, to green. American Cream Horses are beautiful with their tan and pink skin and they weigh around 1,600 to 2,000 pounds. I enjoyed getting to learn about this species and hope one day it will no longer be endangered.
My name is Alex, and I am a 2nd grader at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite books are the Clifford books because they are about a dog. I love ice cream and bananas, and my favorite food is pizza. At school, I enjoy recess time because I get to play with my friends.
The Cross River Gorilla is an endangered species because their habitat is being taken away by roads and buildings. The Cross River Gorilla lives in the rainforest of Africa and is mostly found in Nigeria and Cameroon. It has black fur with a blonde head and is smaller than most other gorillas. It eats fruit and tree bark and weighs about 220 to 440 pounds. The cross river gorilla is a very shy animal, but I think it is a very cool animal that deserves to be around forever.
My name is Olivia Bass, and I am in the 2nd grade at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite books are about animals because I enjoy learning about so many different animals. My favorite food is a yummy cake and my favorite color is pink because it is a rockstar color! My favorite subject in school is math because I think it is fun!
The African Wild Dog is an endangered species that is found in Southern Africa and Eastern Africa. They have cute mouse ears and are brown with black and white spots. They are interesting because one whole pack protects one baby. They live in deserts, forests, and grasslands, but their habitat is getting destroyed. Their habitat must be protected so the African Wild Dog can continue to survive!
My name is Rita Bland, and I am in the 2nd grade at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite books are the Junie B. Jones books and the Stupid Smelly Bus. My favorite colors are purple and blue. My favorite subject in school is math because I like to draw cool shapes in math.
The Red Wolf is an endangered species that lives in North America, Europe, and Asia. It has light red fur and their weight ranges from about 44 to 89 pounds. It lives in the remote wilderness and an interesting fact is they are mostly nocturnal. They eat deer, moose, squirrels, and mice. This species is endangered because people are hunting them and their habitats are being destroyed.
My name is Leah, and I am in the 2nd grade at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite book is Dr. Seuss because it is funny! My favorite food is Mac’n’Cheese because it is so cheesy and my favorite color is teal! My favorite subject in school is math because it challenges me.
The African Elephant is an endangered species that lives in the forest and grassland areas of Africa. It is wrinkled and typically a gray and brown color. It is about 13 feet tall and can weigh up to seven tons. It eats roots, grass, fruit, and bark. At about 10-14 years old, males move away from the herd. They may be alone or in small groups with other males called bulls. These animals are magical and deserve to not be an endangered species.
My name is Issabelle, and I am in the 2nd grade at Central Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite books are cookbooks because I like to cook with my daddy. My favorite food is ice cream because it is so yummy, and I love the color pink! My favorite subject in school is dance because it is so much fun.
The Red Panda is an endangered species that lives in high mountain forests in China. They look reddish-brown and have thick fur. They are cute, cuddly, and fluffy, and they eat bamboo, fruits, and plants. The reason they are endangered is that they lose their habitats and humans hunt them. The Red Panda is a cute, furry animal and humans should treat them kindly.
My name is Damian, and I am in the 2nd grade at Central Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite book is *Cat in the Hat* because it is funny. My favorite food is pizza because it is delicious and you can put different toppings on it. In school, my favorite subject is math because I enjoy getting to solve problems.
Amur Leopard

The Amur Leopard is an endangered species that can be found in the forests, deserts, grasslands, mountains, and rocky places. It has yellow fur on the back with white fur underneath. Dark spots cover most of the body. The Amur Leopard is about 7 feet long and it can run 75 mph. This species is endangered because people hunt leopards for sport and their fur. People over time have moved onto the land where these leopards live and taken over their homes.
My name is Zoe, and I am in the 2nd grade at Central Academy of the Arts. I love Junie B. Jones books because they are funny. Pizza is my favorite food because it is so good, yum! My favorite color is purple, and I love to read.
Green Turtle

The Green Turtle is endangered because of fishermen and hunting. They are green and brown, and they live in the Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Ocean. The Green Turtle can get 5 ft long, and adults can be 350 lbs. They eat seagrasses and algae and are herbivores. Green Turtles like tropical and subtropical seas. The turtle is a beautiful creature and should be able to live happily in the sea!
My name is Layla, and I am in the 2nd grade at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite books are the Junie B. Jones books because the main character is so funny. My favorite food is salad because it is healthy and I love both reading and math!
Sea Turtle

The sea turtle is an endangered species for several reasons. People capture the eggs of the turtles for food. Also, they use the shells for jewelry and the turtles often get caught in fishing nets. These creatures live in the tropical and temperate oceans. They are beautiful with their shell and scales. They cannot put their head in their shell like many think. These sea turtles need to be saved because they are an important species in the ocean.
My name is Jala Hollis, and I am in 2nd grade at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite book is *Cat in the Hat* because it is funny. I like many different colors and I love going to school with all of my friends!
Hector’s Dolphin is an endangered species because they are hunted by humans and sharks. They live in the South Island by New Zealand. They look like small dolphins and are pale gray. Hector’s Dolphins eat at the ocean’s surface and sea floor and eat arrow squid and red cod. Hector's Dolphin is a sweet animal and people should treat them more kindly so they will no longer be endangered.
My name is Kinsley Langley, and I am in the 2nd grade at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite books are animal books because I like seeing new animals. My favorite foods are pretzels, chicken, and ice cream. I love the colors pink and purple because they are pretty. My favorite subject is math because I like addition.
Red Foxes are endangered because people hunt them for sport or their fur. I chose the species, Red Fox because I love foxes. They live all over the world on farmlands. Their colors are reddish-brown, and they have a bushy tail like a dog. Red Foxes have supersonic hearing. Red Foxes eat birds, chickens, gophers, and rabbits. They are 6 to 17 pounds and 32 to 57 inches. Red Foxes have supersonic hearing. People need to stop hunting Red Foxes so they can live longer and better lives.
Elliot Mero

My name is Elliot Mero, and I am in 2nd grade at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite books are animal books because they are interesting. I love pizza because it is cheesy. Red is my favorite color because it is cool, and I like science because it is interesting.
The Black Rhinoceros lives in Africa in the grasslands. It has thick gray or brown skin. It can get from 8 to 13 feet long and weighs 3 to 5 tons. They eat grass, twigs, and reeds. The Black Rhinoceros is endangered because poachers are shooting them for their horns to use and sell. The Black Rhinoceros is a beautiful animal that should not be hunted.
My name is Rachel Perry, and I am in the 2nd grade at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite book is *Black Lagoon: Valentine's Day* because it is funny and scary. My favorite food is zebra cakes, and my favorite color is blue. I love all subjects because I love school.
Iriomote Cats

Iriomote Cats live on the Japanese Island of Iriomote. They look dark gray and light brown. They mark their territory by using the bathroom on rocks and stumps. They are 20 to 24 inches and 7 to 11 pounds. They eat birds, reptiles, and fish. Iriomote Cats are endangered because roads, dams, and airports are destroying their habitats. If humans would stop destroying their habitats, the Iriomote cats would be able to live better lives and not be endangered.
My name is Cooper Simms, and I am in the 2nd grade at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite book is *The Book with No Pictures* because it is funny. I love pizza, it is so tasty. Green is my favorite color, and my favorite subject is science because I like chemical reactions.
The Humphead Wrasse is a big fish with two black lines behind its eyes. It can be as big as two meters long. The Humphead Wrasse eats sea urchins and other invertebrates. It is endangered because people are fishing for them. The Humphead Wrasse is eaten by royalty in Eastern Asia.
My name is Ezra, and I am in 2nd grade at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite book is Power Rangers because I like it when they fight bad guys. My favorite food is spaghetti because it is messy. I love the color orange because of the Clemson Tigers, and my favorite part of school is the computer lab.
The Sunda Tiger lives on Sunda Island of Indonesia in dense vegetation. They have a dark orange coat with thick black stripes. It is the smallest tiger and is 85 to 98 inches. The Sunda Tiger eats deer and wild pigs. You can hear its roar up to 3 kilometers away. The species is endangered because they are losing their habitat.
My name is Jared Turchetta, and I am a second grader at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite book is *Hop Unpop* because it is funny. I love black ely soup and my favorite color is red because it is the color of the flag. My favorite part about school is recess because it is fun.
My endangered animal is a Black Spider Monkey. It lives in forests in Southern Mexico. It eats fruits, seeds, and nuts. They like to break off tree branches to drop on intruders, and they bark like dogs. They are endangered because people hunt them for food. The Black Spider Monkey is a really cool animal!
My name is Drake Weaver, and I am a second grader at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite book is *Monsters: Myth or Fact?* because I like that it has monster facts. I love Chick-Fil-A sandwiches because they taste good to eat. My favorite color is blue, and I love recess because I can run around and play basketball and football.
The Javan Rhinoceros is endangered because they have been hunted for hundreds of years for their horns. The Rhino is from southeast Asia, China, and India, and they live in grasslands and floodplains. They eat 110 pounds of food every day and weigh between 1980-5070 pounds. They have a single horn and are hairless with gray-brown skin. The Javan Rhinoceros is a beautiful animal and people should stop hunting them so they can live longer lives.
My name is Serenity Wilbanks, and I am a second grader at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite book is *The Cat in the Hat* because it is rare and fun. I love pizza because it is yum. My favorite color is black because it is dark, and I love math.
Leatherback Sea Turtle

My endangered species is a Leatherback Turtle. The Leatherback Turtle lives in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian oceans. It has tough, leathery skin. It is 5 to 8 feet long and eats jellyfish and more. It is the largest turtle species in the world. The Leatherback Turtle is endangered because people litter in the ocean and they also eat the sea turtle.
My name is Adalynn Wright, and I am a second grader at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite book is *Green Eggs and Ham* because it is funny. I love eating the burgers at Wendy's. My favorite colors are pink and purple because they are very pretty. I love the subject of art because I love to color.
Irish Red and White Setter

The Irish Red and White Setter is a dog that comes from Ireland. It has a shiny coat that is straight and flat with some feathering. Irish Red and White Setters are endangered because people are not registering their puppies. They eat high-quality dog food and make an excellent companion for hiking. This animal is adorable and people should do a better job at protecting them.
My name is Michael Sproles, and I am a second grader at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite book is La Wess because I love chapter books. My favorite food is spaghetti because it comes with sauce, noodles, and bread. I love the colors blue and orange because they are cool colors, and science is my favorite subject because I like to watch explosions.
The Snow Leopard is an endangered animal from South Asia. They are endangered because people hunt them down. Also, they eat their sheep. Snow Leopards are whitish gray with black spots on their head and neck. They are called the “ghosts of the mountain” because they are rarely seen. People should stop hunting this animal because it is making them an endangered species.
My name is Christian Jones, and I am a second grader at Central Academy of the Arts. My favorite book is the *Magic School Bus: Lost in the Snow* because it is fun to read. My favorite food is chicken nuggets because I like them. I love the color blue because I have a lot of nerf guns. I like the subject of art because you get to paint and draw.
The Tiger is endangered because people move onto their land and destroy their homes and hunt them. They live in Russia, China, and Asia. Their fur is yellow on their belly and orange on their back with dark stripes all over. Tigers are 10 feet long and weigh between 350-640 pounds. They eat deer and hogs.
A Letter from the Pearce Interns

We hope you are excited to read this book, and we hope you will learn a lot about the different endangered species. Thank you for allowing us to join your class and to get to know you all. We had a great experience and hope you did too!

Best Wishes,
The Pearce Center Interns
A Letter from the Pearce Interns

Dear Mrs. Bogan'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 stories, which we accomplished by visiting your class twice to provide writing and editing assistance. We 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 of the publishing process by working with you.

We 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.
Autographs