



FRONT ROW (L—R)— Kim Olson, Dori Bernardi, Jackie Scott, Anne Cahill, Ellen Flanders, Roxanna Hanneman, Billy Jaques, John Flemming, Ricky Preston, Kenny Russell.

REAR ROW (L—R)— Denise Shirley, Jackie Price, Wendy Linstad, George Nelson, Mike Dickey, Gary Kirby, Tony Dettmer, Fred Donegan, Darrell Gamroth, Susan Jackson.

ABSENT— Sarah Carter, Mary Dickenson, Damon Knight, Debbie Maller, Shane Vlietstra, Chary Vandehey.

LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS (AND TURTLES)

These poems, entries in a contest sponsored by the Washington Park Zoo, were written by Mrs. Geneva Shaw's fifth grade class. Although none were chosen by the zoo, we think each and every one is a winner.

TIGERS

by Shane Vlietstra

The stripes are orange,
black and bright.
The tiger slumps
and stares in the night.
He mopes around
in his cage,
Chomps his food
and growls at the humans.
At night he's bright
with beautiful fur.
I like the tiger.
He's nice.

THE TURTLE

by Chary Vandehey

Turtle, Turtle
Why do you hide?
You pull your legs
And head inside

Turtle, Turtle
Why are you so slow?
You walk and walk
But you hardly go
Turtle, Turtle
What a shell you've got
In the winter you are warm
But in the summer aren't you hot?

A MONKEY

by Roxanna Leigh Hanneman

There sits a monkey
high up in a tree,
Putting on a show
for all of us to see.
He swings low....
and then he swings high.
Then regretfully,
we have to say goodbye.

THE KOALA BEAR

by Jackie Price

The Koala Bear sits and stares
at all the people there.
He seldom moves,
but when he does,
he slowly glides
through the Eucalyptus tree
lunching on the leaves.
The people like him very much,
because he's so cute and loveable.

THE SEAL

by Billy Jaques

The seal swims around,
You'd think he's gonna drown,
He swims through the water,
And looks similar to an otter,
And he never wears a frown.
He eats fish every day,
And he gulps them down,
In a peculiar way,
And when he's through,
He glares at you
As if saying "more, more".
So remember,
When you go to the zoo,
There will be a seal,
Waiting for you.

KOALA

by Wendy Linstad

A Koala will cling to a tree
to sit and chomp on the leaves.
She will soak up the warmth
of the summer sun.
Koala, your fur looks
so soft and silky
in the summer sun.
Koala the way you
carry your young in
your pouch looks neat
but I can't understand
how you carry that
kid from tree to tree.

THE ANTELOPE

BY Jackie Scott

My favorite animal at the zoo,
Is the graceful antelope
If he had to race,
He'd easily win.
When it rains,
He still gallops away
He stops to take a rest
But he can't delay,
So he's off trotting again.

THE CHEETAH

by Kenny Russell

The Cheetah stands very proud.
As he prances around.
And when he spies prey.
He scampers across the field,
Quickly he pounces on it,
And chomps his dinner down.
The cheetah is my best friend -
The rabbits say he is mean.
The birds say the same,
As the cheetah runs across African
plains.

MONKEYS

by Debby Maller

When I go to the zoo,
I pass right by the other animals
I go straight to see the monkeys.
He swings from tree to tree.
I really wonder what he thinks of me.
I'll bet he wonders why
I go to the zoo to look at him

SLIPPY THE SEAL

by Denise Shirley

Slippy enjoys the water,
He jumps in and out all day.
Slippy plays king of the mountain
With his other seal friends.
Slippery glares at the people,
He wonders who they are.
But Slippy does not want
the people to go home
Good-by Slippy

THE SEAL

by Mary Ann Dickinson

The seal's nose is pointed.
And he rolls a ball on it.
He flips around,
When he does tricks.

THE TURTLE

by Darrell Gamroth

Oh! Turtle, Turtle
Why are you so slow?
Why do you carry your home
everywhere you go?
And why are you so
frightened of us.

ZEBRAS

by Susan Jackson

Zebras are chased by Lions,
Cougars sometimes frighten them.
Zebras are getting scarce,
When they give birth,
The cougars watch close.
Poor Zebras

THE PENGUIN

by Fred Donegan

He has only two wings
But he can't fly
He is Black and white
And he's only three feet in height
And he swims like a seal in the night

GRIZZLY BEAR

by Dori Bernardi

I love that grizzly bear.
He's the most gigantic one of all.
Because of all his funny tricks
everyone laughs at him.
I love that grizzly
with all that fuzzy hair.

THE SEAL

by Ellen Flanders

You slip and you slide
you flip and you flop.
You swim and skim,
from bottom to top.
And then you slip to the brim,
Kerplow!

He jumps in and out
of the seal pool.
Before he eats he slaps his belly and begs.
And when he gets it he begs for more.
He plays king of the mountain.
with the other seals.
He does tricks for the people in the
zoo watching.

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