



October's Topic: **SCARY ANIMALS**

- Many people are frightened by wild animals. Perhaps if we learn more about them they won't be so frightening.
- Bats, spiders, owls, bees and snakes are some of the animals considered scary by many people.
- Some people are afraid of bats because they have heard that they drink blood, but this is not true. The bats found in Missouri are strictly insect eaters. Vampire bats do not live in North America (and they drink only tiny drops of cows' blood).
- Owls are nocturnal and don't bother people, but their large eyes can seem intimidating.
- Many of the animals we think of as scary eat other animals that we don't like having around, like mosquitoes, mice, insects and spiders.
- Many wild animals are very helpful to the environment. It is important to leave them alone and not hurt them.
- Book Suggestions: **Stellaluna**, by Janell Cannon **The Very Busy Spider**, by Eric Carle