

**The Learning Page Zoo Animals Unit** is divided into several sections:

Lesson Plans      Cutouts  
Fact Files      Murals  
Fun Sheets . . . and Recommended Reading

The **Lesson Plans** provide ten or more comprehensive and detailed lesson ideas for each of two levels: Preschool through Kindergarten, and First and Second Grades. Each Lesson is a structured activity incorporating fine arts, science, reading, and writing activities, and stressing many skills and objectives. Each Lesson Plan gives the teacher suggestions for preparing the lesson, materials lists, an introduction, questioning strategies, procedures, ideas to bring the lesson to a conclusion, and further activities.

Each lesson has direct links to other **Learning Pages** resources, so the teacher can easily locate related books, Funsheets, Fact Files, and Cutouts.

The Lesson Plans are divided into grade levels. Teachers, knowing the abilities and developmental levels of each of their students, can review all of the Lesson Plans and use the ones best suited to their classroom. For instance, some of the Kindergarten Lesson Plans are linked to second grade Fun Sheets, because the content of that Lesson might fit into the teaching of that Fun Sheet. Many of the Lessons and Fun Sheets can be adapted and used in higher or lower levels. Don't let our classifications fence you in. Use them as you see fit, in the order and time frame that works best for you.

**The Fact Files** give you vital statistics, descriptions, pertinent information, and an illustration of twenty zoo animals. Each Fact File is simply presented and readable, with the Order the animal belongs to. The Fact Files provide students with many pieces of information that can be used in the Lesson Plans to

compare, contrast, list, graph, plot, draw, arrange, and talk about.

### Fun Sheets

**Preschool:** fundamental and general skills

**Kindergarten:** math, language, and science

**First Grade:** math, language, and science

**Second Grade:** math, language, and science

The **Learning Page Zoo Animals Cutouts** are beautiful and accurately rendered illustrations of ten different zoo animals. Drawn in proportion to one another and to the Mural (see below), these zoo animal drawings are set up in a convenient and easy to use format: simply download, print, copy, and distribute to students to cut out and use for a variety of applications: to color and paste onto the mural, or to use as patterns for several of the activities (links provided). Cutouts can be copied same-size or enlarged. They can be used to decorate the classroom, and adorn bulletin boards.

The **Learning Page Mural** is a wonderful and creative teaching tool! Putting it together can be a lesson in itself (objectives: following directions and working cooperatively). Follow the directions given with the pages. Work as a group to develop a color scheme if desired, let each student color one sheet, and then working as a group again, fit the pieces together. The mural is used in several of the Lesson Plans, and can be used with the **Learning Page Cutouts**. It can also serve as a background for a diorama or bulletin board display.

This mural represents the latest trends in zoo environments where the animals are contained in areas protected by natural-looking rock, ravines, and vegetation. Students may add enclosures, traditional cages, or buildings to complete their zoo, especially if creating a habitat for birds.

