

# SAAVAS Topic 7 School to Home Letter

Dear Family Member or Caregiver,

In the Topic “Animals”, students learn about animal needs and animal parts.

The experiences in this topic are:

- Experience 1: Animal Parts
- Experience 2: Needs of Animals

In Experience 1, students identify the needs of all animals for air, water, food, space, and shelter. In Experience 2, they investigate which animal parts help them meet those needs.

The main content TEKS covered in this topic are:

- K.12B Observe and identify the dependence of animals on air, water, food, space, and shelter.
- K.13B Identify the different structures that animals have that allow them to interact with their environment such as seeing, hearing, moving, and grasping objects.

And the main SEPs and Recurring Themes and Concepts TEKS are:

- K.1F Record data using words.
- K.3B Communicate explanations individually and collaboratively in a variety of settings.
- K.3C Listen actively to others' explanations to engage respectfully in scientific discussion.
- K.5F Describe the relationship between structure and function of objects.

One of the best ways for students to check on their learning is to explain it to someone else. Ask your student about their class experiences, and ask them to explain the content that they are learning while at school in their own words or, if relevant, in their first language.