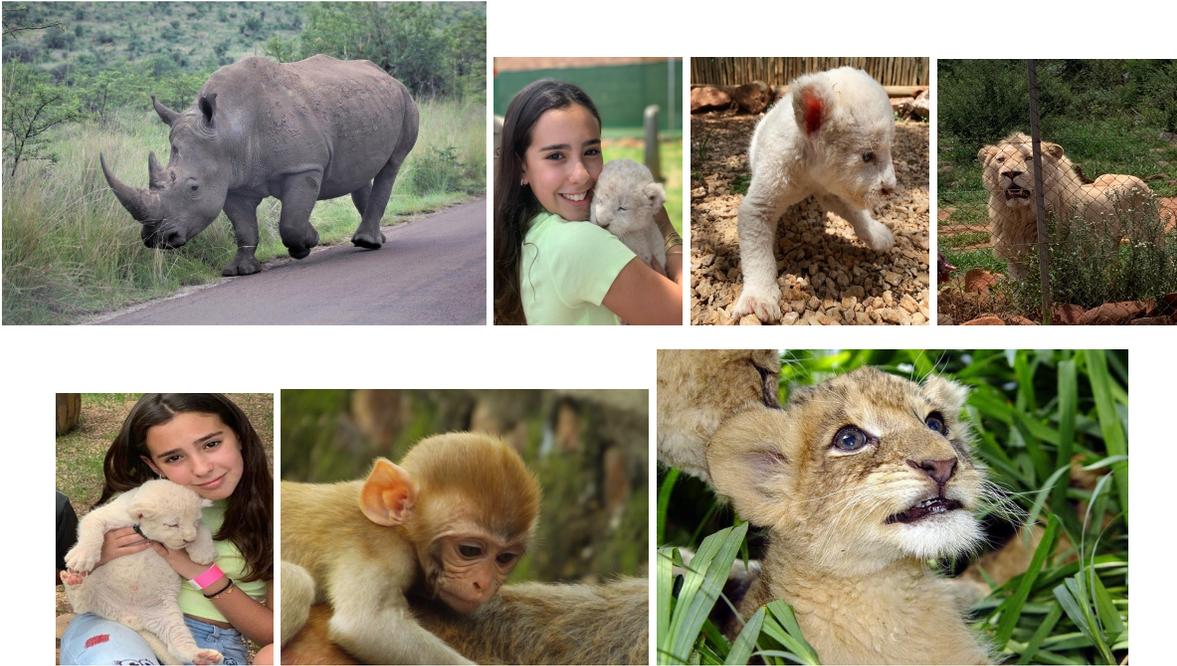


A Wild Day at the Zoo

By 6th Grade- Class 2A



It was a breezy, Tuesday morning when we arrived at the San Diego Zoo. Mrs. Darden led the 6th graders to the ticket entrance. It was Izzy's idea to stop at the monkey area first. She was very excited! She was so excited that she began a plan to steal one of the monkeys! But everyone thought she was kidding. When we got to the monkey exhibit we noticed there were supposed to be 15 monkeys, but we could only see 14 and everyone wondered why. Izzy's backpack was moving but no one cared. It turned out that Izzy fell madly in love with one monkey in particular. She put it in her backpack so she could take the monkey home.

We decided to vote on where we should go next. Most of us voted on Marley's idea, which was seeing the polar bears. All the 6th graders were very happy seeing them, but they decided to go somewhere else. There seemed to be one polar bear missing. Suddenly, we

noticed it was chasing Caden across the zoo. Everybody knew that because they could hear Caden's screams, which woke up every animal in the zoo.

The next place we visited were the lions. A lion cub somehow escaped because it was scared awake by Caden's scream. Next thing we know the lion mom had escaped as well to take its cub back. Caden was still running, but tripped on the mom lion! She was NOT happy. Caden began to run again and somehow made it across the zoo right by the rhino cage. He almost fell in but caught himself. As we all know Ana could barely see in front of her so she had thought that Caden was a rhino! She jumped into the cage to save him but realized Caden was not in there. She began to walk very slowly to the exit. She then tripped on a rock and fell right onto the biggest one of them all. He was sleeping. She got up and ran as fast as she could. She then slammed into a rock and knocked out. Everybody else ran across the zoo and when they found him, they saw that he was riding on the mommas' back like he was the king of the jungle. He began singing a Lion King song at the top of his lungs. Everyone just stood there in amazement looking at him on the lion's back. Everyone except Ana, she was still in the rhino cage! All of this could've been avoided if he hadn't screamed.

Jolie was pretty annoyed with all the commotion. She was so annoyed that she hadn't realized that she fell into the rhino cage. Luckily, she was a great swimmer, so she found her way out. But before she got out, she found Ana and pulled her out with her. Eva had brought a book to the zoo and while we were looking around she had found the koala exhibit. She sat near it reading her Harry Potter and the Cursed Koala book and then she saw that the koala was leaning over and seemed to be interested in her book! Roman tried to pet the koala and it didn't care because it was too interested in the book.

Vivi's favorite animal was the giraffe, so she convinced everyone to go there. They fed them lettuce and had fun. While we were taking a class picture in front of the giraffe, it licked Vivi and got her and her hair all wet! She was upset that her beautiful hairdo was ruined.

Finally, it was time to go back home. We had such an adventure at the San Diego Zoo. The only thing we wished was that all of this actually happened in real life, but it was a virtual experience due to COVID-19 closures. Thank you to the San Diego Zoo for giving us this virtual experience that inspired our collaborative story.