

Description:

Students will learn about crafty critter animals. This activity can be done in class or at home.

Recommended Grades:

- K-2, 3-5

Materials/Resources:

- Wanted Poster Template Handout
- Colored Pencils, Markers, or Crayons

Objectives:

Students will:

- Understand what a crafty critter is.
- Learn about animal crafty critters.



Classroom Use:

Discuss the assignment. Explain what a crafty critter is. [Crafty critters often teach others a lesson or get taught one.] Ask students if they are familiar with any tales where animals are crafty critters. Give an example like Aesop's [The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing/El lobo con piel de oveja](#) or Grimm's [Little Red Riding Hood/Caperucita Roja](#).

Teacher Directions:

1. Select one of the following articles in PebbleGo and read or listen to more about your chosen animal. Choose from animals such as [Wolf Spiders/Arañas Lobo](#) , [Coyotes/Coyotes](#), [Arctic Foxes/Zorros Árticos](#), [Spider Monkeys/Monos Araña](#), or [Pet Rabbits/Conejos](#).
2. Have students create a wanted poster for their crafty critter animal of choice. Encourage students to list animal characteristics in the Wanted Poster Template. Students can fill out the Wanted Poster Template.
 - a. Draw a picture of the animal crafty critter in the rectangle.
 - b. Write the crafty critter's name.
 - c. Pick something the crafty critter has done that earned them the title of crafty critter.
 - d. List strengths such as charm.
 - e. List weaknesses such as overconfidence.
 - f. Name the place the crafty critter is usually found (e.g., the jungle).

At Home Use:

Discuss the activity with the child. Explain what a crafty critter is. [Crafty critters often teach others a lesson or get taught one.] Ask the child if they are familiar with any tales where animals are crafty critters. Give an example like Aesop's *The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing*/*El lobo con piel de oveja* or Grimm's *Little Red Riding Hood*/*Caperucita Roja*.



Parent/Caregiver Directions:

1. Select one of the following articles in PebbleGo and read or listen to more about your chosen animal. Choose from animals such as *Wolf Spiders/Arañas Lobo*, *Coyotes/Coyotes*, *Arctic Foxes/Zorros Árticos*, *Spider Monkeys/Monos Araña*, or *Pet Rabbits/Conejos*.
2. Help your child create a wanted poster for the animal crafty critter they listened to or read about. Fill out the Wanted Poster Template.
 - a. Draw a picture of the animal crafty critter in the rectangle.
 - b. Write the crafty critter's name (e.g., Anansi).
 - c. Pick something the crafty critter has done that earned them the title of crafty critter.
 - d. List strengths such as charm.
 - e. List weaknesses such as overconfidence.
 - f. Name the place the crafty critter is usually found (e.g., the jungle).

Extension Activities:

Students can read more about spiders and other animals in Capstone Interactive/Capstone Connect books such as: *Amazing Insects and Spiders*, *Coyotes*, *Arctic Fox*, *Monkeys*, or *Pet Rabbits Up Close*. Learn more about crafty critter animals by reading or listening to books like *The Fox and the Crow* in Capstone Interactive.

CRAFTY CRITTERS IN STORIES AND NATURE

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

★ **WANTED** ★



★ **Crafty Critter's Name:** ★

Known for:

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

Lives in: