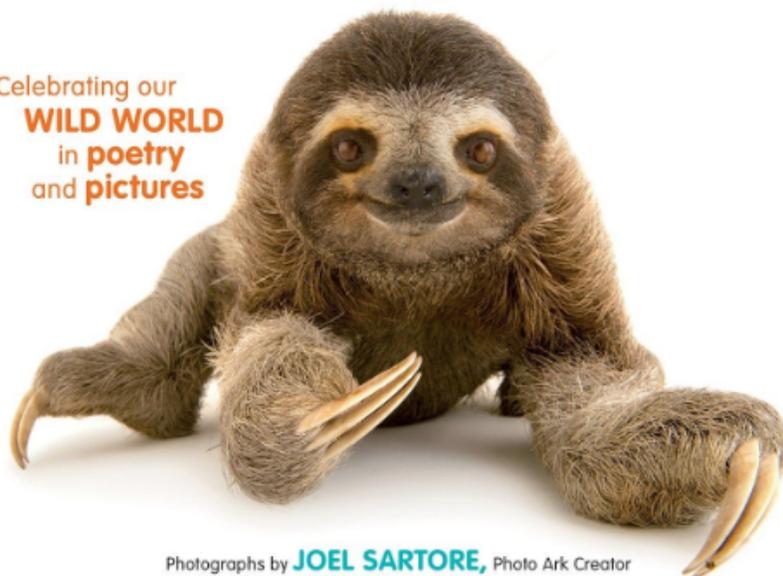




# AnimalArk

Celebrating our  
**WILD WORLD**  
in **poetry**  
and **pictures**



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## ACTIVITY

# ANIMAL ARK: CELEBRATING OUR WILD WORLD IN POETRY AND PICTURES



# VISUALIZATION

Good readers construct mental images as they read a text. By using prior knowledge and background experiences, readers connect the author's writing with a personal picture. Through guided visualization, students learn how to create mental pictures as they read. As comprehension strategy, visualizing helps students understand the true size of new objects by comparing them to familiar objects.



## WHY USE VISUALIZATION?

- Generating an image while reading requires that the reader be actively engaged with the text.
- Creating mental images while reading can improve comprehension.



# GOOD READERS VISUALIZE

## WHILE READING

- Use details in the story to create mental images or "movies" during and after reading
- Understand that creating images helps in comprehending ideas
- Use images to draw conclusions and recall details
- Revise their images to add new information
- Understand that when you visualize, you are connecting prior knowledge to the words and text to make an inference about what something might look, smell, hear, feel, or taste like

## DIRECTIONS

- Listen as I read: *Animal Ark: Celebrating Our Wild World in Poetry and Pictures*
- Write about what you see as you hear the story below
- Use illustrations, words, phrases, or sentences - or combine them all!
- Draw and write as YOU see it in your mind. There are no right or wrong answers. Just fill up the paper as you visualize the story



# GOOD READERS VISUALIZE

## WHEN WE READ

Angels with fins and iridescent armies on the move.

Blending for protection.

Blending with the moon.

## THIS IS WHAT I IMAGINED WHEN I READ:





# GOOD READERS VISUALIZE

## WHEN WE READ

Breathing one sky.

Forever connected by this peculiar and wonderful family tree.

Branches that soar, swim, stalk.

## THIS IS WHAT I IMAGINED WHEN I READ:





# GOOD READERS VISUALIZE

## WHEN WE READ

We are all made of light.

Some of us even glow.

We are secret siblings reflections of each other.

Mysterious mirrors.

## THIS IS WHAT I IMAGINED WHEN I READ:

