

# CRITTERS TO GO:

## Early Childhood Literacy PreK-2nd Grade

Bring the Museum's collections to you for an exciting interactive story hour! Each program includes a story, a craft and an item from the Museum's teacher collection. Programs run 60 minutes and can take place in your classroom, school library, or science lab. Programs are suitable for classes of 30 students or less.

**PRICING:** \$125 for each hour long class  
\$750 for 6-8 classes | \$1125 for 9-12 classes

Travel Fees may apply outside of Tarrant County.



### ★ The Kissing Hand RACCOON

Explore the world of our night-time friend raccoon. This heartfelt story of Chester Raccoon tells of new beginnings and the comforting love a mother can share. Basic characteristics of raccoon will be highlighted in a mini lesson and students will create their own raccoon tail to wear. A taxidermy raccoon from the museum's teaching collection will be shown.

### ★ The Great Fuzz Frenzy PRAIRIE DOG

Prairie dogs take center stage in this silly tale of a mysterious "fuzzy thing" that rolls down their burrow. Students will enjoy this imaginative story as well as learning the basic characteristics of prairie dogs. They will create their own prairie dog puppet to demonstrate just how this rodent uses its burrow to warn other prairie dogs when danger is near. A taxidermy prairie dog from the museum's teaching collection will be used during the lesson.

### ★ Stellularuna BAT

Birds and bats both fly through the air, but birds and bats differ in so many ways! Students will enjoy this classic tale of how a young bat tries to behave like a bird but soon realizes that her bat ways are what make her special. Students will learn basic characteristics of our nocturnal friend the bat and create their very own bat artwork. Various bat taxidermy specimen will be brought to highlight different types of bats.

### ★ Owl Moon OWL

Soft and silent flies owl through the sky. This story tells of a young child going "owling" in hopes of a glimpse of this beautiful bird against the moonlight night. Students will learn the characteristics of owls, that they are nocturnal and view a taxidermy owl from the museum's teaching collection. They will also create their own owl artwork.

## ★ **Sassafrass** SKUNK

Animals have different ways to protect themselves from predators. In this sweet story about a young skunk names Sassafrass, students will learn about the unique way skunks protect themselves. Participants will observe skunk specimens and create a skunk art project.

## ★ **Are You My Mother?** BIRD

Students will enjoy this classic story of a baby bird who leaves the nest in search of his mother and meets new friends along the way back home. Taxidermy birds from the museum's teaching collection will be brought for observation and participants will create a bird craft.

## ★ **The Hare and the Tortoise** TURTLE AND RABBIT

After reading this timeless tale of how slow and steady wins the race, students will learn about rabbits and turtles with specimens from the museum's teaching collection. Participants will create their own turtle art work.

## ★ **Frederick** MOUSE

As Frederick's family gathers food to prepare for winter, he prepares for the long cold days in a different way. Participants will create their own mouse artwork and observe and discuss mouse specimens to learn more about these small animals.

## ★ **Are You a Butterfly?** BUTTERFLIES

Students will learn about all of the amazing changes that happen during the life cycle of a butterfly using this charming book. They will get to observe insect specimens from the museum's teaching collection and create metamorphosis art.

