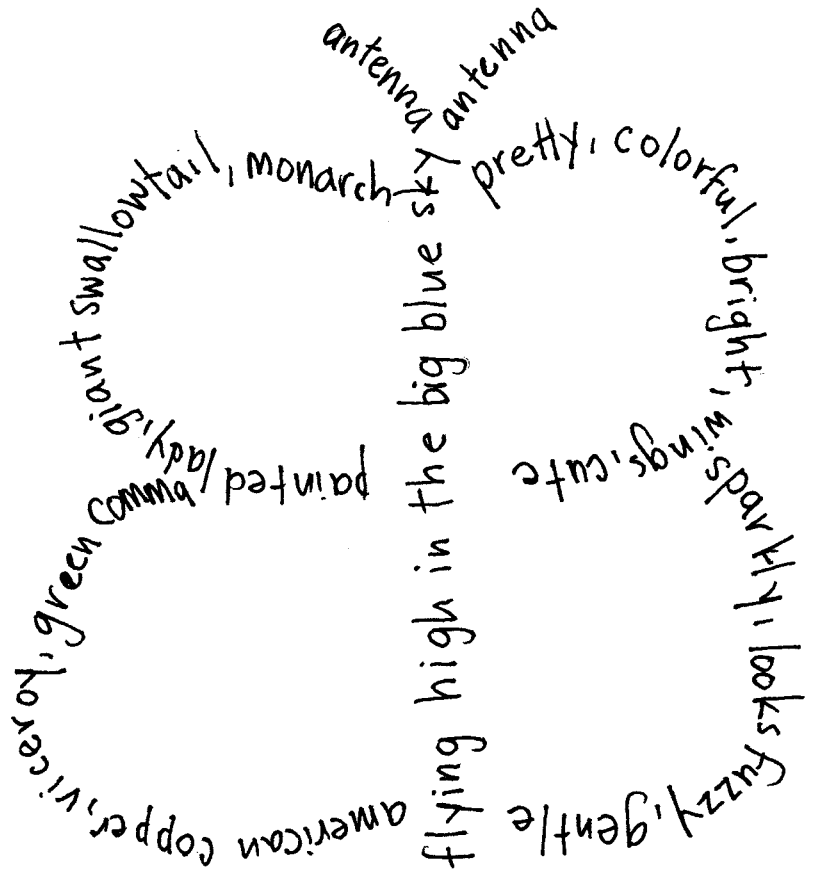


Animal Poems and Animal Shapes

Stampede: Poems to Celebrate the Wild Side of School transforms elementary school students into a pack of wild animals. The poems and illustrations are hilarious, clever, imaginative, and fun. Use these poems and pictures as inspiration to write your own animal poem. It's easy and fun!

1. Choose an animal you would like to write about.
2. Create a list of words that describes this animal. The list must include at least **15** words. (*Feeling stuck? These questions can help: What does this animal look like, smell like, sound like, and feel like? Where does this animal live? Does this animal move quickly or slowly?*)
3. Draw a picture of the animal. If you don't like to draw, find a picture of the animal and trace it. Be sure to do this drawing/tracing very lightly in pencil.
4. Write the words from your list in step #2 around the outside edge of your animal drawing. Be sure to write just on top of the lightly drawn pencil line.
5. Trace over the letters and words with a black marker.
6. Erase the pencil line from step #3.
7. Take a step back and look at your creation. You have created an animal poem in the shape of that animal!
8. Color in your animal poem so it is bright and wild!



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