



Kirby's Field Trip to the Zoo

Submitted by Anna, age 12

Kirby loved springtime. He loved everything about it - the flowers, the birds, and most of all the school's field trips. This year they were going to one of his favorite spots... the zoo! He was a regular at the zoo, but this was going to be even better. Because it was a school field trip, they were getting a tour and even getting to see behind the scenes. He rushed home from school with his permission slip. Mama or Papa would have to sign it before he could get on the bus tomorrow.

He ran into the house and Mama yelled, "Slow down Kirby! This isn't a race. Why are you so excited?"

Kirby panting said, "Tomorrow is the field trip to the zoo, Mama. I need the permission slip signed, so I can go."

Mama smiled. She knew how much Kirby loved the zoo. Every time he went he would talk for days about growing up to be a veterinarian or a zoo keeper. "Ok, Kirby. Papa or I will sign it after dinner. Now, go wash up."

Over dinner, Papa asked Kirby, "Do you have enough money for tomorrow?"

Kirby said, "Yes, Papa. The ticket is paid for and I have some saved for a drink or snack. The school is bringing sack lunches for everyone."

Papa handed Kirby a \$20 bill. "Kirby, take this. Then if you want something from the gift shop, you can get it, but don't spend it all."

Kirby barely slept, but still jumped out of bed when Mama woke him the next day. He was dressed, had his breakfast and was out the door in record time. He was the first one off the bus, when they got to the zoo. His teacher had to grab his hand to keep him from running ahead.

They saw the giraffes, the penguins, the llamas, the gorillas, the snakes and so much more. Kirby's favorite part was when they got to sit down with the staff veterinarian. They learned all about the new baby giraffe. She was too young to be out yet, but they got to see her with her Mama from a back room. Kirby just knew he wanted to be a veterinarian someday.

Finally, they went to the gift shop. Kirby wanted to buy everything. Instead, he settled on a book about caring for animals for himself, a keychain for Papa, a coffee mug for Mama and a cap for his sister. Kirby knew he would need to spend the \$20 Papa had given him. He decided to ask permission before making the purchase. Papa agreed. Now, Kirby was excited to get home and share his day and hand out his gifts.



What kind of car does Luke Skywalker drive?



A Toy Yoda!

Want to wow your teachers?

Here's a money fun fact to help you do just that. Paper money isn't really made of paper at all. Paper money is composed of 25% linen and 75% cotton. Red and blue synthetic fibers of various lengths are distributed evenly throughout the paper. Prior to World War I the fibers were made of silk. These synthetic fibers are to ensure that paper currency is very hard for counterfeiters to reproduce.





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KIRBY KANGAROO CLUB STOCKING WINNERS!

Our December Kirby Kangaroo Club Christmas stocking winners were Lydea McWilliams (MAIN OFFICE) and Lena Elliott (SARPY BRANCH)!

Lydea likes mine craft videos, paw patrol, coloring, and Barbie dolls. The 5-year old has one older sister and one younger sister.



Lena's parents are Kevin and Megan Elliott. She has 3 brothers and 2 sisters and loves school, dance, and watching TV. Her favorite food is ribs.

Kirby Word Search!

Search up, down, forward, backward, and on the diagonal to find the hidden words

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BASEBALL FRISBEE BICYCLES SWING
SOCCER PARKS FIELD RUN

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