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Free Online Student Materials & Online Teacher Training Session **Complete the Feet: Explore Animal Adaptations at Brookfield Zoo! (K-5)**

Maximize learning and fun during your class field trip to the Brookfield Zoo by challenging your students to a brainy “feat” as they investigate animal adaptations. Join Brookfield Zoo in Spring 2024 for a free, 1- hour virtual PD session to gain strategies and activities to support student observation and critical thinking as they learn about how feet are uniquely adapted to help animals survive in their habitats.

Access to downloadable student activities will be provided to teachers who attend this one-hour virtual professional learning session. 1 PD hour available.

Choose a virtual session that meets your schedule:

Virtual Session Schedule – Complete the Feet	
Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 4-5 PM	Links to sessions will be emailed to registrants upon registration.
Monday, April 29, 2024, 4-5 PM	
<i>*This session is targeted to grades K-5 teachers, but all Pre-K – Grade 12 educators are welcome!</i>	

Session Details:

Complete the Feet!

Complete the Feet! is an onsite Zoo activity that challenges students to observe, ask questions, and use evidence to support claims about animal feet characteristics and uses. This class provides strategies and lesson materials to engage students in investigation of mammal and bird feet adaptation in the classroom before and after their visit as well during their fieldtrip to Brookfield Zoo. Teachers learn strategies to support close observation through observational sketching, analysis, argumentation from evidence, peer discussion, and evaluating, and revising claims. (In cases where field trips are not possible, materials and strategies can be adapted to support animal study in classroom settings.)

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- Access to downloadable pdf’s with student activities and lesson plans will be provided during the session.
- 1 hour of PD credit is available for participants who provide IEIN number and required attendance documentation. PD credit will be available on the ISBE PD+ platform.

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