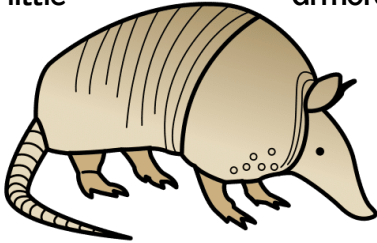


US ANIMALS, by SARAH, ETHAN AND MARK

My brothers and I are almost animal experts. Our parents teach us a lot about animals and we love to go to work with them. They are always investigating some type of animal.

When we lived in Texas my parents were investigating armadillos. Armadillos are small mammals. They have a tough armor that protects them from enemies and other dangers. The word armadillo means “little armored one” in Spanish.

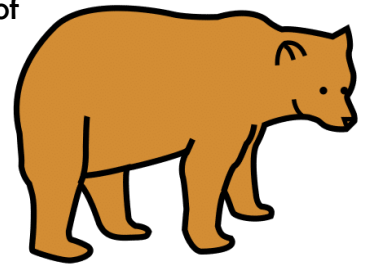


Armadillos are fat and heavy. They have got short legs and strong, curved claws. There are 20 species of armadillo. There is one type of armadillo, the nine-banded armadillo, that lives in US. They live in open spaces or in forests.

Armadillos eat termites and other insects, worms, roots, and small animals.

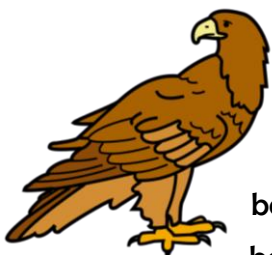
They are funny animals. They jump straight in the air when surprised, roll up into a ball or dig a hole to hide underground.

My brother Ethan is obsessed with Grizzlies. The grizzly bear is a type of brown bear. It lives in forests, woodlands, meadows and prairies in the north of US (Alaska, Montana, Wyoming) and in Canada.



It is enormous, furry and powerful. It might look scary, but grizzly bears are peaceful. They have got an enormous body, strong legs, a big head and humps on their shoulders.

They love to eat seeds, flowers, berries, roots, wild vegetables, grass, fish, insects, and dead animals. Sometimes they eat deer and elk, and whatever food is available. They prefer to be alone, but sometimes grizzly bears group together in places with a lot of food, like salmon.



Mark is a big fan of bald eagles, the national bird and symbol of the United States.

Bald eagles are big birds. Female bald eagles are bigger and heavier than male bald eagles. They have got brown feathers with a white head, a white tail, and a yellow beak.

There are bald eagles in the 48 states in United States. They live near lakes and oceans and in areas where there are food to eat and trees to make nests.

They eat mainly fish. Sometimes they eat other birds, such as gulls and geese.

They are brave and attentive. They have got powerful vision. They can fly very high.