

Treetop Treats

Almost as soon as she was born, Rosie started traveling into the treetops with her mom. Even with a baby on her chest, Mom is fearless. If she spies a tasty meal of leaves or fruit in another tree, she doesn't **clamber** down to the ground and then climb back up the other tree. She jumps from one treetop to the other! Good thing Rosie has a tight grip on Mom's fur.



the lemur life



Climbing even rough or prickly trees is no problem for ring-tailed lemurs. They have tough, well-padded hands and feet (see right) that are a good defense against **prickles**. And their feet are great at **grasping**—perfect for holding on tightly to high-up branches.



Unlike some other tree-living animals, lemurs don't curl their long tails around branches to keep themselves steady. But their tails may help them to keep their balance.

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Let's Get Ready to Read!

Dear Parents and Educators,

This guide will help your reader explore, examine, and engage with the nonfiction book Welcome to the Family. The included activities will strengthen their reading comprehension skills and provide them with opportunities to write and talk about the text. Your reader will delve into the text and analyze it in a more structured and detailed way. Help your reader on their reading journey by working alongside them as they read the book. Ask and answer questions, and offer guidance and support, as needed. Be sure to read through pages 4–5 for helpful instructional ideas.

On this page, you will find information about Blue Star Education's partnership with Ranger Rick and the National Wildlife Federation as well as some fun activities to help foster your reader's love of reading!

Just 4 Fun!

- Work with other parents or teachers to arrange a book club meeting so your reader can discuss the book with peers. Provide a comfy, cool setting and some yummy treats!
- Set up a book nook! Find a quiet corner. Add a few blankets and pillows. Maybe grab a beanbag chair or poof! Be sure there is a lamp or overhead light and—*voila!*—you have a nifty nook any reader would love.
- Challenge your reader to conduct further research on the topic mentioned in the book. Ask them to display what they have learned from their research in a creative way, such as an infographic, collage, or theatrical skit.

The Partnership

Blue Star Education's proud partnership with the National Wildlife Federation and Ranger Rick has made possible the creation of products that combine reading, writing, and science in an exciting and unique way meant to help enrich knowledge and appreciation of the natural world.

The National Wildlife Federation & Ranger Rick

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) strives to unite all Americans to ensure that wildlife thrives in a rapidly changing world. It believes that healthy water, clean air, and public lands are a birthright of all Americans. From the tiniest of insects to the largest of mammals, the NWF wants to ensure the legacy of America's wildlife for future generations.

In January 1967, a new conservationist came on the scene. Knowledgeable, small, and furry, this little leader was ready to foster a healthy and life-long appreciation of nature in children. His name: Ranger Rick! More than 50 years later, Ranger Rick continues to entertain and educate children about the natural world through various media, including the highly successful magazine series.



Name: _____

ACTIVITY 4

Primate Pen Pals

Directions: Imagine you are pen pals with Rosie. Plan out your next friendly letter to Rosie by completing the graphic organizer below.

The graphic organizer is a corkboard with a grey, dotted background. It contains five white notes pinned with pushpins:

- Date:** A small rectangular note in the top left corner.
- Greeting:** A rectangular note in the top center.
- Things I want to tell Rosie about my life:** A large, tilted rectangular note on the left side with ten horizontal lines for writing.
- Questions I want to ask Rosie about her life:** A large, tilted rectangular note on the right side with ten horizontal lines for writing.
- Closing:** A rectangular note in the bottom left corner.
- Signature:** A rectangular note in the bottom right corner.