Core Skills Analysis

Science

- Learned about different animal species and their unique behaviors as showcased in Wild Kratts.
- Gained an introductory understanding of animal habitats and ecological niches.
- Observed problem-solving and critical thinking skills through the characters' interactions with wildlife.
- Developed curiosity about biology and ecosystems by watching the exploration and explanations provided in the show.

Environmental Awareness

- Became aware of the importance of wildlife conservation and protecting animal environments.
- Recognized the role humans play in impacting animal habitats, both positively and negatively.
- Encouraged to think about how animals adapt to their environments and the challenges they face in the wild.
- Started building empathy towards animals by seeing the show's focus on animal welfare and natural behaviors.

Tips

To deepen Stirling's engagement and comprehension, encourage discussions about the animals featured in each episode, asking questions like, 'Why do you think this animal lives there?' or 'How does it find food?' Plant-based or nature walks can allow Stirling to observe local wildlife and relate it back to Wild Kratts. Creating a simple animal journal where Stirling can draw and write about their favorite creatures enhances retention and celebrates personal interests. Additionally, using craft activities to build animal masks or dioramas of habitats can stimulate hands-on learning and emotional connection to the animals. Introducing basic science experiments, such as observing behaviors of small insects in the garden, supports experiential learning.

Book Recommendations

- <u>Wild Kratts: The Creature Power Book</u> by Chris Kratt and Martin Kratt: An engaging companion book that explains animal powers and behavior, perfect for young fans of the show.
- <u>National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Animals</u> by Catherine D. Hughes: A colorful introduction to animals around the world, helping young readers connect pictures with facts.
- The Magic School Bus Gets Eaten: A Book About Food Chains by Joanna Cole: A fun story that introduces ecological relationships and the concept of food chains suitable for young children.

Learning Standards

- ACSSU044: Living things depend on each other and the environment to survive.
- ACSSU073: Organisms have a variety of external features and live in different places where their features help them to survive.
- ACSHE051: Pose and respond to questions, and make predictions based on observations.
- ACELY1656: Use drawings and text to present ideas and information.

Try This Next

- Create a worksheet matching animals to their habitats and special adaptations based on Wild Kratts episodes.
- Design a quiz game with questions about animal facts learned from the show to challenge memory and understanding.