

Animals that build

Have you noticed the construction that's going on outside? There are a lot of machines, and tools, and people doing stuff out there! What are they doing? They're building a new place where boys and girls will get the best medical care they can get.

Did you know that humans aren't the only ones who build things? Let's meet some animals who build things too!

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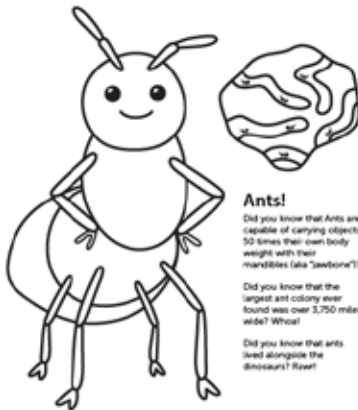
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Beavers!

Did you know that beavers are second only to humans in their ability to manipulate their environment? The largest beaver dam in existence stretches for 850 miles, and it is visible from space!

Did you know that beavers are among the largest rodents on earth, and that their large teeth never stop growing? Constantly gnawing on wood is what keeps their teeth from growing too long!

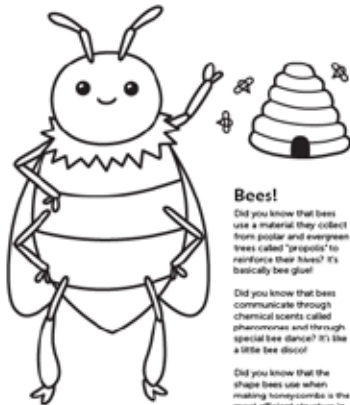


Ants!

Did you know that ants are capable of carrying objects 50 times their own body weight with their mandibles (aka "jaws")?

Did you know that the largest ant colony ever found was over 3,750 miles wide? Whoa!

Did you know that ants lived alongside the dinosaurs? Wow!



Bees!

Did you know that bees use a material they collect from poplar and evergreen trees called "propolis" to reinforce their hives? It's basically bee glue!

Did you know that bees communicate through chemical scents called pheromones and through special bee dance? It's like a little bee disco!

Did you know that the shape bees use when making honeycombs is the most efficient structure in nature? ☐

Drawing Activity!

Look at the strong foundation the construction workers have made for the new addition at Doernbecher Children's Hospital! What do you think the addition will look like? Will it have lots of windows? Will it have elephants on top? Dragons?! Oh my!

Draw what you think the new addition will look like!

