



SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Baby Animals

K-3 Classroom Activities

Penguin Chick Transformer

OBJECTIVE

The student will be able to name penguin body parts and recognize that penguins hatch from eggs.

ACTION

1. Prepare cutouts before beginning activity. For each student cut 1 white egg/body, 2 black flippers, 1 black head, 1 orange feet, and 1 orange beak. Punch holes where needed.
2. Before distributing the penguin body parts to students, review the name of each: head, beak, body, feet, flippers.
3. Distribute one body/egg part and one brad to each student. Have students place brad through bottom (biggest) part of body.
4. Distribute penguin feet. Have students match the hole in the feet with the brad's prongs. Students secure the feet on the body by opening the brad.
5. Distribute one head, two flippers, and one brad to each student. Students place the brad through the hole at the other end of the body. The brad should rest on the table with the prongs facing up. Students attach the head, then both flippers, to the body and open (flatten) the brad.
6. Distribute the orange beak. Students glue the beak to the head. Student then draw in the eyes and any distinguishing characteristics of their penguin. Write their names on the back.
7. Show students how to turn head, flippers, and feet in so all they see is the penguin "egg." Have students turn head, flippers, and feet out to see their "newly hatched" penguin chick.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Many penguin species lay two eggs, but parents rarely are capable of raising both chicks. At Sea World, keepers may remove one of the eggs, artificially incubate it, and hand raise the chick.

Keepers have perfected a penguin chick formula that's just right for hungry chicks. They blend together fish, krill, cream, water, vitamins, and minerals. A penguin parent feeds its chick by placing its beak over the chick's beak. A Sea World keeper mimics that motion by placing two fingers on either side of the chick's beak. As the chick begins swallowing, the keeper gently places a feeding tube into the chick's mouth and squeezes formula into its stomach.

MATERIALS

- white construction paper
- black construction paper
- orange construction paper
- brads
- hole punch
- crayons
- glue



Adélie penguins build nests of small pebbles and lay two eggs. Both parents incubate the eggs.

