



# CLIBURN IN THE CLASSROOM

## PET PARADE

Our favorite animals set to music

### CLASS ACTIVITY: Talk to the Animals

Grade Level(s): 1-5

Subject Areas: Music, Creative Writing

#### OBJECTIVE

Students will learn the song Talk to the Animals and write a creative writing page based on the prompt below. If desired, teachers may submit a student's story to the Cliburn to be featured on the Cliburn Kids website.

#### SPACE AND EQUIPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Pencil and paper are the only materials needed for this activity. Colored pencils may also be used to draw a picture of their pet.

#### MUSIC TO EXPLORE

BRICUSSE *Talk to the Animals*

#### ACTIVITY

1. Learn the original version of the song listed above using form (verse, chorus, etc). This may be repeated over the course of several class periods as a "warm-up."
2. Explore the various styles that the song has been reworked into. Incorporate dance for a movement element; for example, dance the samba version along with Debbie Curtis Big Band Aid.
3. Allow students the time to write a page about an imaginary conversation with their pet or favorite animal. Write the reflection questions below on the whiteboard to act as a prompt for their story. Teachers may select a student's work to submit to the Cliburn to be featured on our education website.

#### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What "languages" are named in the song? Which of those languages would you like to learn?
2. If my pet/favorite animal could talk, what would they say to me?
3. If my pet could understand me, what would I want them to know?
4. Would my pet be good with names? Would they remember my name and the names of our family? Would they know their own names?
5. What places would my pet ask to visit?