Be an Animal Champion

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Dear Families,

At school, your child is on a mission to learn more about protecting animals and the earth. Leading the way is 9-year-old animalactivist-in-training, Jane Garcia. Jane is on a quest to save endangered animals, teaching kids why these animals need our help, and what they can do to make a difference. Jane's epic adventures, inspired by her hero Dr. Jane Goodall and her imagination, are featured in the new series, **Jane**, premiering on **Apple TV+** on April 14. Each episode also provides tips on how we can all help protect animals and the planet.

Dive in at home to support your child's learning and protect the earth as a family! View and discuss the show together. The first episode is available for free, with no **Apple TV+** subscription required. Then try out these ideas, inspired by **Jane**, to get started with your own conservation activities:

- Choose Your Own Adventure: Think of a project to engage your family in making positive changes, then spread the word! Try a waste audit to start! Check out https://greencleanguide.com/how-to-conduct-an-at-home-waste-audit/. Use the Family Toolkit at the Roots & Shoots website to help make a plan: https://rootsandshoots.org/resources/roots-shoots-family-toolkit.
- Let It Rot: Help keep greenhouse gasses produced by food waste out of the atmosphere by composting fruit and veggie scraps. While you're at it, buy only what your family will eat for one week to save food from wasting before you're able to eat it. Learn more at www.npr.org/2020/04/07/828918397/how-to-compost-at-home.
- Volunteer and Attend Eco-friendly Events! Many cities across the country host clean-up days or weed removal. Taking your child to Earth Day or endangered species day events is another way to get ideas for change. Check out www.earthday.org and www.endangered.org/campaigns/endangered-species-day/ for more information.
- **DIY Activity Videos:** Visit **ymiclassroom.com/jane** for videos on making vegetable pizza and flower pots. These crafts can help sea life and bees! Check out the videos to learn how.

Visit Jane's Endangered Animal Experience (coming first to the California Science Center and Pittsburgh Carnegie Natural History) where kids and families can go on an adventure to figure out why honeybees around the world are disappearing. Visitors shrink down to honeybee size, just like Jane does in the honeybee episode, to learn about the role pollinators play in the global ecosystem. Check with the museums for more details.

Add to your child's excitement for Jane with *Jane's Endangered Animal Guide*. Featuring scenes from the show, along with fun graphics produced in collage-style, this book draws readers deeper into Jane's adventures while also keeping them grounded in the real world, encouraging them to do what they can to make a difference. Download a free chapter at **ymiclassroom.com/jane**.

Visit **ymiclassroom.com/jane** to learn more about **Jane**, the series on **Apple TV+**. You'll also find videos and activities you can do at home, plus a chapter from Jane's Endangered Animal Guide.

