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## Where Are The Wild Things?

(answer: In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Classroom)

One of the Third Graders' favorite units of study is the desert, particularly the Sonoran Desert and its flora and fauna. In May, students each completed extensive research on one of the diverse animals living in this arid region of the United States, home of the saguaro cactus. Once the research was complete, students wrote a descriptive narrative of their animals, being ever so careful to keep secret the animal's identity.

Fast forward to an afternoon gathering of students, teachers, and families where third graders, who were dressed in hand-crafted animal costumes, tried to stump the audience. Once all the clues were given, the question "Who am I?" prompted audience members to guess their identity. It was like *Jeopardy* gone "wild!"



## COL•LEC•TION / kə'lekSHən/

n. the action or process of collecting someone or something

Sports cards. Starfish. Legos (x3). Erasers. Beach finds. Stuffed animals (x4). Bottle caps. Beanie Babies. Snapple caps. Calico Critters. Fishing tackle. Quite a diverse collection of items was on display this month at the Annual *Collection Convention* sponsored by the Second Grade.



Open for business throughout the morning, this museum-like experience was enjoyed by all. Visitors had the opportunity to find out what inspired the collectors to start their hobbies. Most students said their personal passions began "when they were little." Some were inspired by their parents, while others just got hooked "because it's fun."

Students visiting from upper grades always seem to get a little nostalgic at the event, reminiscing about their collections, from the time they were in Second Grade. Perhaps after visiting a *Collection Convention* booth, a new passion will be born!

