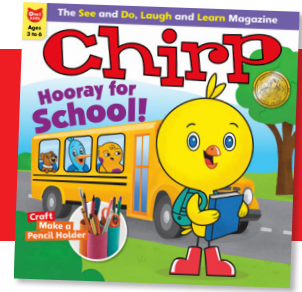


# Chirp September 2019

## Teacher/Parent Resources

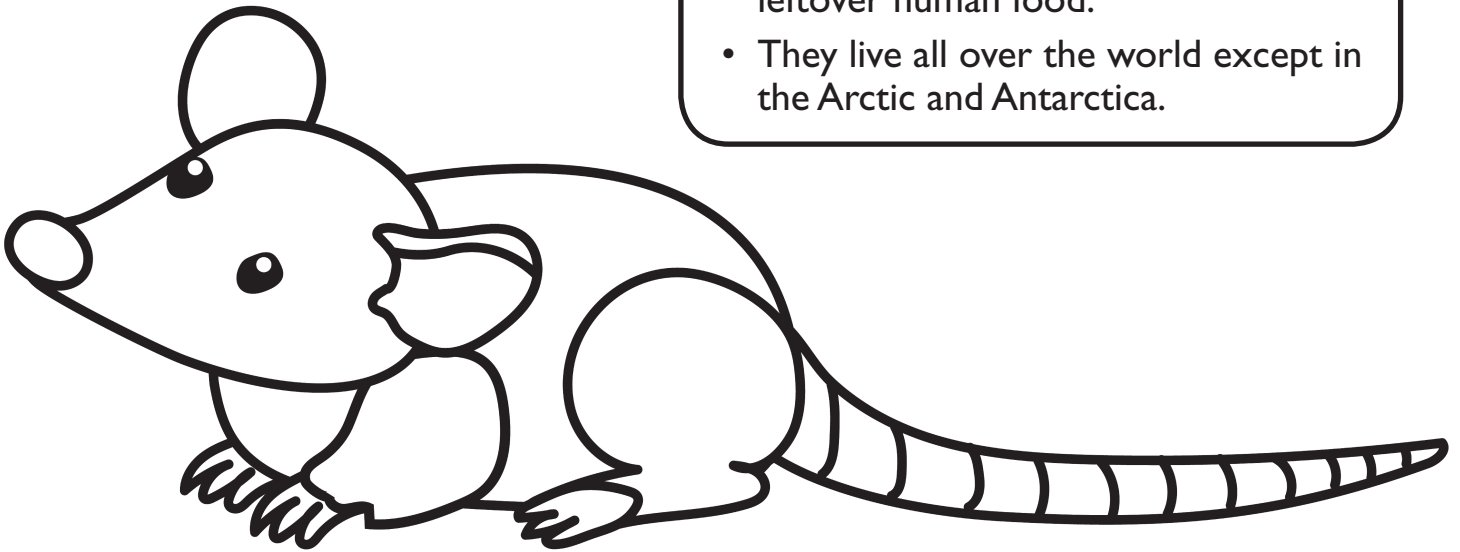


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## Amazing Animal Common Rats

### Common Rat Fun Facts

- Rats are about as big as a tissue box.
- They'll eat almost anything, including fruit, seeds, insects, grains, and leftover human food.
- They live all over the world except in the Arctic and Antarctica.



Sometimes young rats wrap their tails together to stay close when they sleep. What else do rats use their tails for? (Hint: Find the answer in *Chirp*!)

**Classroom Connections:** science, language arts





## Look and Learn School Visit

Familiarize kids with the classroom environment and discuss the types of things you might do in each of the areas presented in Look and Learn. For example, the classroom carpet might be a place where they'll hear a story, and in the gym, they might learn a new sport or game. But every school is different. How is your school or classroom organized? How is it similar to the one in *Chirp*? How is it different?

As a follow-up activity, ask each student to draw a picture of something they see in a classroom or something they would like to try. Students can share their work with a peer or the rest of the class.

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## Let's Read

### *Captain Carlos and the Kindergarten Cape*

Read the story together and discuss the main themes and characters. Encourage students to share their own school experiences and feelings after reading the text. Use the question prompts below to guide the discussion. Help students make connections from the text to their own lives.

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. What is this story about?
2. How did Carlos feel about his first day of school?
3. How did his mom try to make him feel better?
4. What did Carlos do to give himself courage?
5. What happened when Carlos got to school?
6. What was your first day of school like?
7. When you need some extra courage, what do you do?

**Classroom Connections:** language arts, social emotional learning

