

We had a fabulous field trip Thursday to the SF Zoo. This was a perfect addition to our Neurobiology and Behavior Unit in that the students were able to collect data on specific animals using an app that the zoo uses to train their volunteers. The app is called "Observe to Learn" and the students paired up and observed 2 different animals for 1 hour before lunch, and then had some less structured time looking for examples of behaviors that we had discussed in class after lunch. The assignment they were expected to complete at the zoo is attached below. They were also then expected to analyze the data for homework over the weekend and submit via Google Classroom.

We also had a quick introductory talk from one of the Zoo Education staff, who discussed careers at the zoo and what kinds of behavioral data are collected by zoo keepers and how that data is useful in helping care for each animal. It was a perfect outing for a group of seniors who are thinking about life after high school and college.

I had my students post some photos and send some thank yous to all of you who sit on the GATE parents board. Here are the links:

[3rd Period IB Bio](http://padlet.com/ktuckerD5/zoo3) <http://padlet.com/ktuckerD5/zoo3>

[6th Period IB Bio](http://padlet.com/ktuckerD5/zoo6) <http://padlet.com/ktuckerD5/zoo6>

[7th Period IB Bio](http://padlet.com/ktuckerD5/zoo7) <http://padlet.com/ktuckerD5/zoo7>

We had 52 students attend and they all had a great time :) The trip was free to all GATE students (21 of 52 were GATE identified), and only \$5 for everyone else - they all appreciated that since it would have cost each of them \$25 each otherwise.

Thanks so much! Getting the grant made organizing the trip super easy!

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