**Mammal Key Concepts**

ACCESS teachers create Science Concept Planners that reflect the key concepts of the investigation based on an in depth understanding of the topic. Because ACCESS is an emergent/negotiated curriculum, not all key concepts are included in all investigations. The direction of the investigation is informed by the interests and developmental skills of the children as well as the standards being addressed.

Mammals

Cetacea

Examples of cetacean

Information about how they still fit in to the mammal category

Interesting/unique kinds of Cetacea

Monotremes

The oddball of the mammal group!

Examples of monotremes

Pictures of common monotremes and their young

PouchedMammals (Marsupials)

Common marsupials

Initial developmental gestation period (inside the mother’s body)

Secondary gestational period (outside of the mother’s body)

Where marsupials are commonly found

Placental Mammals

Types of Placental Mammals

Typical gestation period for different mammals

Interesting placental mammals

General pregnancy information (fetal formation, placenta, umbilical cord, and birth)