**VOCABULARY: MAIN IDEA/SUPPORTING DETAILS/SUMMARIZING**

1. zoologist - an expert in or student of the behavior, classification, distribution, and the normal functions of animals
2. mammal – warm blooded animals
3. nocturnal – active at night
4. echolocation – the detection of objects using sound that bounces off of those objects and returns to the ear
5. habitats – the natural home of animals, plants, and other living things
6. disperser – an animal that spreads or scatters seeds, usually by its droppings
7. hover – to remain in one place in the air
8. ecology - the branch of biology that deals with the relations of organisms to one another and to their physical surroundings
9. summary (summarize) – to briefly explain the central idea along with the most important details of a text without including your own opinions or judgments; briefly tells what a passage is about
10. theories – guesses based on fact
11. infer (inference) – based on clues provided in the text, the reader makes an educated guess; the answer is not provided in the text specifically
12. compare and contrast – a response as to how two or more things are alike (comparison) and/or different (contrast).
13. analyze – to break apart text in order to look at each of the parts individually, then figure out how it all works and comes together as a whole
14. evolution – the process by which different organisms develop and diversify from earlier forms during the history of the earth
15. predator – an animal that naturally preys (hunts to kill and eat) on others
16. evaluate – to determine the worth or quality of something; to assess
17. avoid – to keep away from or stay away from someone or something
18. relationship – the way in which two or more ideas, objects or people are connected
19. pamphlet –a small booklet or leaflet containing information or arguments about a single subject
20. generalization – a general statement or idea obtained by inference from specific cases