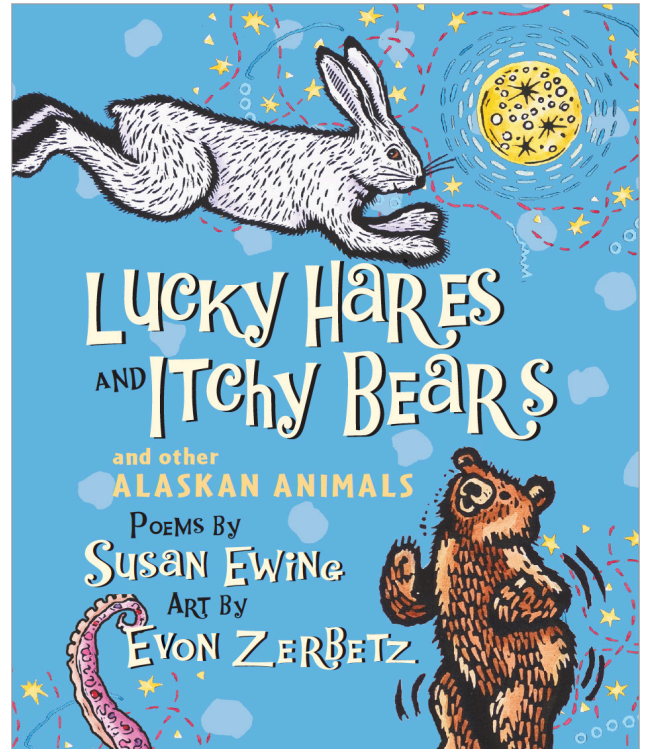


# Lucky Hares and Itchy Bears | Projects



## Animal Portraits | Study the Nature of Favorite Animals.

1. Select an animal to study: a tiny insect, a bird, or a large mammal.
2. Make a list of facts about the animal.
3. Facts might include:
  - Where the animal lives
  - What it eats
  - Predators of this animal
  - And a few unusual characteristics peculiar to this animal.
4. Some of the facts you will know. Some you may need to research.
  - Try to learn at least one new thing about your animal.
5. Pick one or two facts about the animal that are interesting to you and would be fun to illustrate. Create your animal portrait in any medium: \*draw with colored pencils, paint, ink + watercolor, collage or markers.

Paper and pencil  
Research sources  
Favorite art tools\*

## New Views—Work like an Illustrator

1. Make 3 small animal portraits or sketches. (about 2.5 x 3.5 inches)
2. In each sketch, show the same animal from 3 different views.
  - Show us your animal from straight ahead, from the side, and one more view, either from above, from below, or another funny view you can imagine. If you are not sure what the view would look like, use your imagination.
3. Use plastic/rubber animal toys to help students sketch different views.
4. This exercise can be used in combination with project one. Make 3 small sketches and select your favorite view to make a finished piece of art.

scratch paper  
pencils  
Optional plastic or rubber  
toy animals

## Animal Trading Cards

1. Draw, paint or collage animals on card stock or heavy paper cut to 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 inches.  
Evon's tip: Recycled cereal and cracker boxes make excellent toned card stock for pencils or collage.
2. On the back of each card: write three facts about that animal, sign and date.
3. After you have built up a collection of cards, have a trading session and trade cards with your friends and classmates.



**Dragonfly**  
☐ lives as an adult (winged form) for about 28 days  
☐ can eat 30 - 100's of mosquitos in a day  
☐ have existed on the planet for over 3,000 years  
☐ this is a dragonfly I took care of for 13 days!

Evon Zerbetz August 9, 2010

Artist Trading Card (ATC)  
Template  
2.5 x 3.5 inches

I keep a stack of ATC- sized cards ready to go—banded together with my colored pencil box—cut from all kinds of papers: watercolor paper, recycled cardboards, black paper, and tag board.