



Join us for our next Art Exhibit  
**"My Favorite Animal: Explorations of Animals  
Through Light, Sound and Art Media"**  
by  
The Children of Pride 8 at the  
Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Education Center  
May 1-28, 2024!

**Opening Reception: Wednesday, May 1 from 4:00-7:00pm**



### Exhibit Statement

"What is your favorite animal?" When a child answers this question, they begin to tell you who they are. From the beginning of the school year, the children of Pride 8 exhibited a strong connection to the animal world. Children were playing with animals throughout the classroom, they pretended to be animals on the playground, and animals were a part of our favorite books and songs.

As a self-contained special education classroom, Pride 8 contains exceptional learners. Some told us about their special animal with their voices, others with their play stories or with assisted technology. As the year continued and the teachers got to know each child, we could see how our artistic explorations of animals intersect with our identity; with how we see ourselves and how and what we want to communicate with others.

Our exhibit will showcase a year of learning about ourselves and the world through the lens of the animal kingdom. Over the course of the year we have connected with our favorite animals through drawing, painting, light and shadow, sound, movement and more. We will also be highlight work from our collaboration with COCA performing animal movements and dramatic storytelling.

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