

## **Foothill Brings a Rainforest to the Second Grade**

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Foothill's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders had the opportunity to travel to rainforests from 5 different continents! The Living Planet Aquarium's Rainforest Van visited the school and brought animals from all around the world for the children to see up close and interact with. Students got to see a giant African millipede, a hissing cockroach from Madagascar, a rainbow boa constrictor, Halloween moon crab, crested gecko, blood python, cane toad, tree frog, and a crocodile skink to name a few. They were shown the animals while sitting around a huge globe 'carpet map' where they could see exactly where each animal comes from. Core concepts such as continents, the equator, globes, and animal habitat and needs were all reinforced. It will surely be a day they won't forget!