TIGER FACT SHEET

• All living species of tigers are currently endangered.

• Tigers have never lived in Africa. They live in Asia.

• Tigers are the largest naturally breeding cats in the world.

• Tigers rarely come together except in courting. They are solitary hunters that take advantage of the night to hunt for unsuspecting prey.

• White tigers do not occur naturally, but are the result of captive inbreeding. They are genetically unhealthy animals that have no value to conservation.

• The tiger and the jaguar are the only two big cat species that love water and are fine swimmers.

• All cats will attack people given the right circumstances, however the tiger has developed an undeserved reputation as the man-eater cat of the world. Humans are easy prey for an aged, sick, or injured cat.

• Tiger claws are up to 5 inches in length. The forefeet have 5 claws while hind paws have 4 claws. Claws are used as weapons to hunt, for grooming themselves, marking territory, tree climbing, defense, and balance.

• Tigers species occupy a variety of habitat types ranging from warm areas of India to snow covered areas of Russia.

*For more information about Mizzou Tigers for Tigers visit http://www.missouri.edu/~tigers or http://www.stigers.org*
Tiger Quiz

- True or False -

- Tigers are endangered
- Tigers live in Africa
- Tigers are the largest cats in the world
- Female tigers are bigger than males
- Tigers usually hunt during the day
- Tigers hunt in groups
- White tigers are found naturally in Russia
- Tigers don’t like water
- 3 out of every 1000 tigers will attack people
- Tiger claws can be up to 5 inches in length
- Tigers only live in hot places