Questions to ask KIDS to start them thinking observationally at the ZOO

- Tell me what you see, smell, or hear.
- Can you find the animal(s), how many do you see?
- If you can't find the animal where do you think it might be?
- Based on the habitat:
 - What do you think this animal likes to do?
 - What environment would you find this animal in the wild?
 - What can you tell about this animal?
- What do you think this animal needs? Can you find:
 - Is any food available?
 - Do you see any water or water dishes?
 - Does it have an option for shade?
 - Is there a place for the animal to sleep?

- Can you find its indoor space? Does it have/ need one?
- What kind of substrate (floor covering) is there?
- What group (family) do you think this animal belongs to, and why?
- What is there for the animal to do in its habitat?
- Do you think you could make the enclosure better, how?
- If you could give the animal one thing to play with what would it be?
- What is one new fact you learned about this animal?
- What do you think this animal likes to eat?