

Golden Barrel Cactus

- I have flowers on my head that grow in a ring or circle.
- I am shaped like a barrel and can store up to 200 gallons of water.
- I love late summer rain storms! They help my flowers bloom again.

Prickly Pear Cacti

- Our branches are called pads and are edible to humans.
- We grow together and our fruit is used to make candy!
- Packrats like to create their comfy homes in us.

HOW TO TREAT A CACTUS

As Cacti, we all need these things to grow:

- Lots of sunlight, less when we are young
- Dry, loose soil or sand to grow in
- Very little amounts of water
- Animals to help us pollinate

Organ Pipe Cactus

- We look like a musical pipe organ, with column-like arms.
- We are pollinated mostly by bats and produce our 1st flowers when we are 35.
- When we are young, we grow in the shade in shrubs and plants.

Saguaro Cactus

- I am the largest cactus in North America and can grow up to 78 feet tall.
- If you count my arms it can help you know how old I am.
- Like Organ Pipe, I grow in the shade when I'm young, but I need lots of sun as I get taller.

Cholla Cacti

- Our spines are very colorful and change color as we get older.
- Like you we have joints! We drop our branches giving us the nickname "jumping cactus."
- We have barbed spines that protect us from predators.

HOW TO TREAT EACH OTHER

Just like the **Arizona Cacti**, now you share unique things about yourselves and how you like to be treated:

- What are unique things about you? What are some ways you like to be treated?
- Pick one of your classmates and ask them to share about themselves and how they like to be treated.
- As a class, determine the ways you would all like to be treated as you grow.

