**Opposum Facts:**

Opossums are the only marsupials that live in North America and Canada. They also live in Australia. They prefer to live in woodlands near streams, marshes or rivers.

Opossums are nocturnal and eat at night. They have claws on their rear feet that act like thumbs and help them climb. Opossums are omnivores and eat anything: insects, earthworms, and slugs. As omnivores and eat anything, they can also eat carrion or dead animals.

Baby opossums are born and crawl up to their mother's pouch. They are about the size of a bee at first. They stay in the pouch for three months and then ride on their mother's back.

Opposums are clever, and hunts in the night. Her very sharp teeth make it easy to bite. She might also play dead or "play possum" until a predator leaves.

If something threatens the mother opossum, she will hiss or show her sharp teeth. She might also show her sharp teeth. She might also play dead or "play possum" until a predator leaves.

Using the information on page 2, write facts about opossums in the circles.

| Circle the rhyming words in the poem above and write them on the lines below. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| side                        | head                        |
| night                       | pouch                       |

**Opossum**

The opossum is loving, and never a grouch.
She carries her babies around in a pouch.
The babies grow bigger, but stay by her side.
They climb on her back and she gives them a ride!

The opossum is clever, and hunts in the night.
Her very sharp teeth make it easy to bite.
And if she's in danger, she uses her head.
By lying quite still and pretending she's dead!

*By Meish Goldish*

**Awesome Opossums!**

Name ___________________