

Please choose one or two of these activities to complete with your child each day this week. **We are asking that each student complete and submit at least two activities from the “Let’s Play Literacy Games”, “Let’s Play Math Games” or the “Let’s Create and Explore” sections.** Please share at least 2 photographs of your child engaging in an activity or a photograph of your child’s completed work to us via seesaw. We are looking to get activities submitted from 100% of our students this week! We can’t wait to see what you are doing!

This Week’s Theme: Zoo

Let’s Play Literacy Games

- ***Please choose and submit 1 activity from this section***

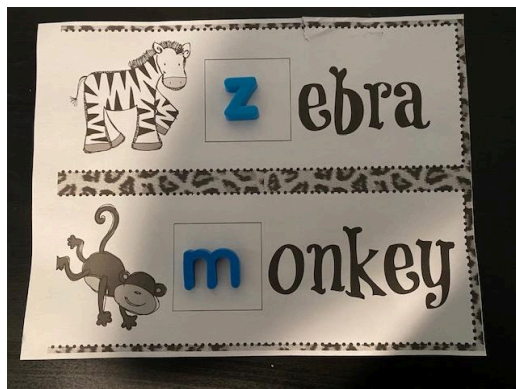
Zoo Animal Initial Sound Game

Materials

- Magnetic letters/foam letters or letters written on post it’s or small paper squares (you will need z, m, h, e, g, r, l, t, b, s)
- [These](#) animal word cards OR make your own (draw an animal, write the words, but leave the first letter off. You can also just play this game on the computer and have your child look at the screen and find the letter to match each animal card.

Directions

Have your child say the animal name. Have them say the first sound they hear when they say the animal name. Then have them find the letter that makes that sound. Talk about the name of the letter and the sound that letter makes!



Count the letters in these zoo animal names

Materials

- Print [these](#) zoo animal word cards OR make your own by writing animal names on paper

Directions

- Have your child count how many letters are in each zoo animal's name and then write that number next to it.
- Talk about the names as you count. Which animal name is the shortest? Longest? Do any names have the same number of letters? Do any names start or end with the same letter?

Syllable Jump

Materials

- Painters tape or chalk
- [This](#) zoo animal word sheet (print or just read out loud without printing)

Set Up

Make a number ladder on the ground with numbers 1-5. If you play inside you can use painters tape, or play outside and use chalk. See the picture for an example.

Directions

Have your child stand behind the first line. Hold up a card and read it. Have your child jump one time for each syllable. Then have him/her look down and see what number he/she landed on. That's how many syllables in that word!



Try all the animals on the zoo animal list and then try some words of your own!

**** Share a video of your child counting out the syllables with us via seesaw!*****

Let's Play Math Games

- *Please choose and submit one activity from this section*

Shortest to Longest

Materials

- Any materials you can measure/compare by length (pencils, crayons, makers, sticks, leaves, or stick to the animal theme and use plastic zoo animals/stuffed animals)

Directions

1. Gather your materials in a basket
2. Lay all your materials out in front of your child and ask him/her to put them in order from shortest to longest.

Line up objects shortest to longest, what do you notice?



Measure Your Foot

Materials

- Paper
- Marker or crayon
- 1 or more Nonstandard unit to measure (paper clips, q-tips, pennies)

Set Up

- Trace your child's foot on a piece of paper
- Gather an item to use for measurement. It can be any item, but you should have several of whatever item you pick (20 pennies, 20 paper clips) and the items you pick should all be the same size.

Directions

1. Have your child measure his/her foot using 1 or more nonstandard forms of measurement
How many paper clips long is his/her foot?
How many pennies long?
Can you try measuring with a different item? Did it take the same number? More? Less?

Take photos to share with us!

Let's Create and Explore!

- *Please choose and submit 1 activity from this section*

Make Giraffe print paper towels

Materials

- Paper towels
- Paint brush
- Liquid watercolor or watercolor paint set

Directions

1. Dip your paintbrush in your watercolor paint.
2. Dot your brush on the paper towel and watch the color spread!
3. Repeat until you have the exact giraffe print you want!



Build a Zoo

Materials

- Building materials (ie- blocks, duplo blocks, legos, boxes, toilet paper and paper towel tubes, magnatiles ect.)
- Plastic zoo animals (or make pretend animals with paper, and other recycled materials)
- Index cards, paper
- crayons/markers/pencils

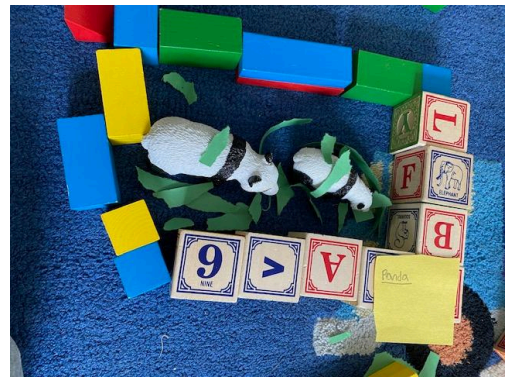


Directions

- Get creative! Encourage your child to build a zoo and cage for each animal
- Once your zoo is built, help your child create labels/signs for each zoo animal!

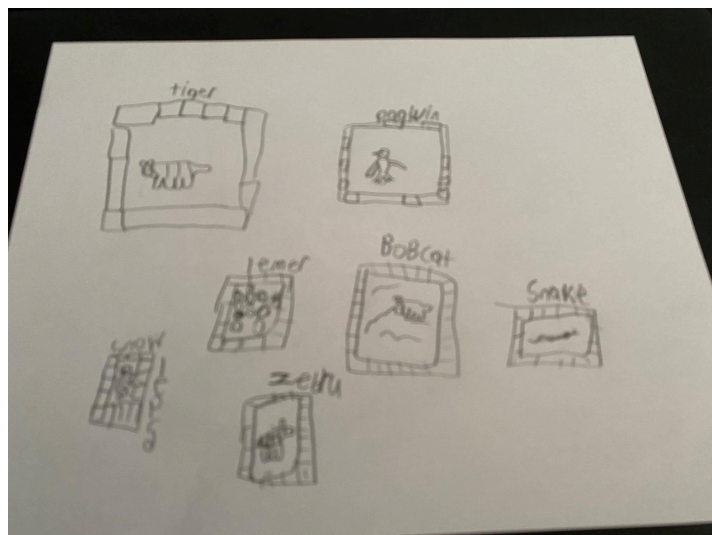
Here are a few more ideas to boost your children's imaginations and constructions.

- Wrap some blocks with foil to create "colder" spaces for arctic animals.
- Provide blue paper strips for "water."
- Include small smooth stones and plastic or wooden trees for more terrain.
- Use craft sticks and other wooden pieces for more building possibilities.
- Add paper strips, markers, and tape.
- Look for photographs of real zoos online to inspire construction.



As an added challenge have your child first design the zoo on paper and then build it!

**** Send us photographs of the zoo you create!****



Go on Virtual Zoo Trip

Check out these zoos who are live streaming animals in action from the zoo enclosures!

[San Diego Zoo](#)

[Smithsonian's National Zoo](#)

[Reid Park Zoo](#)

After your virtual field trip have your child draw his/her favorite zoo animal. Share the drawing with us via seesaw!

Make A Zoo Animal Mask

Materials

- Paper plate
- Crayons
- Markers
- Tissue paper
- BE CREATIVE! Use whatever you have!

Listen to this version of [Polar Bear Polar Bear What Do You Hear?](#) By Bill Martin Junior and Eric Carle

Have your child pick his/her favorite animal from the book. Make an animal mask out of a paper plate or other items in your home and send us a video of your child wearing the mask and making the animal's sound!

BONUS- Draw a picture of your favorite animal in the story and share the picture with us via seesaw too!

Lets Connect 1-3 ideas a week

Make Zoo Animal Trail Mix

Ingredients

- 1 cup of Teddy Grahams (any flavor)
- 1 cup of pretzels
- 1 cup of popcorn
- 1 cup of animal crackers
- 1 cup of iced animal crackers
- 1 cup of goldfish crackers
- 2 packages of M&Ms

Directions

1. Mix all the ingredients together
2. Eat while going on a virtual visit to a zoo (see above for virtual zoo links)

Be creative with the ingredients. Adjust the items to meet dietary needs or to accommodate the ingredients you have on hand!

Count how many different ingredients you are using!
Have your child help you measure and pour!
Talk about the different colors, shapes, and sizes of the ingredients.



Have a conversation while you eat your treat! Take a small scoop and count how many of each ingredient you have on your plate. Which ingredient did you have the most of? Which ingredient did you have the least of? Which will you eat first? Which will you eat last? Which ingredient was your least or most favorite?

Play Animal Charades!

1. Print out the farm animals and zoo animals charades cards found [here](#).
2. Cut out the cards with pictures and names and place them in a container.
3. Take turns selecting a charade card from the container and act out the animal without using words and sounds - actions only!
4. **TIP:** If no one can guess the correct animal when only acted out, add in the animal sounds and/or clues!



5. Change it up!

- a. Choose an animal and an emotion - have each player act out the animal with that emotion (e.g., sad cat, happy dog, etc...).
- b. You can also use these visuals to have your child go on a scavenger hunt in your house! Have them choose a card and find the animal among their toys or in a book or magazine!

Create an Edible Zoo!

1. Have your child gather their toy zoo animals (small, plastic)
2. Provide the following food items in small containers (or others of your choice):
 - a. Mini marshmallows
 - b. Puffed rice cereal
 - c. Chocolate cereal
 - d. Blue gelatin, green gelatin
 - e. Broccoli florets
3. Set up a tray for your child
4. Provide a 9 x 12 baking dish for them to create their edible zoo.
5. Step back and be amazed at your child's creativity!



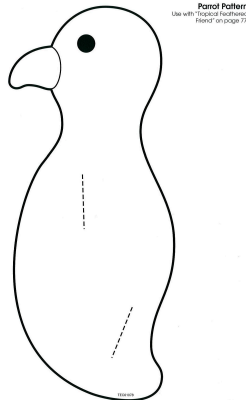
This is one time, your child can play with their food and eat it too!

Fine Motor Activities

ART- Parrot Hands



[Parrot Hand video](#)



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[Template for parrot body link](#)

Make a Paper Plate Lion

Materials

- Paper plate
- Paint (yellow, orange, black and brown)
- Fork
- scissors
- Optional- markers to draw a face on
- Optional- googly eyes

Directions

1. Paint the center of the paper yellow
2. Use a fork to add the orange paint around the edge of the circle for the lions main. Dip the tines of the fork in the paint and press on to the paper plate. Paint or draw a face. Add googly eyes if you have them.
3. Cut small snips around the edge of the paper to make his main more realistic and



practice fine motor skills.

Gross Motor Activities

Move Like Zoo Animals

Get the animal movement cards [here](#)

Read each card aloud and have your child make up the movements. Share pictures and videos with us!

Dance to this animal song

Animal Action by Greg and Steve youtube video [here](#)

Listen and Move

Check out [Carnival of the Animals](#), a famous piece of classical music by the composer Camille Saint-Saens. Move like the animal you think you hear in the songs!

WATER PLAY - Children love water play activities during hot weather, and many of them enhance gross motor skills. Have fun - Mrs. Bartha

1. Place a bunch of water balloons in a bucket across the yard. Have races to get the balloons (running, walking, walking backwards or sideways, hopping, galloping, frog jumping, jump sideways, walk on your heels, walk on your toes, walk like a penguin, etc)
2. Toss the balloons into a bucket or basketball net.
3. Play catch - start super close together and pass the water balloon back and forth. After success take a small step backward and try to catch the balloon.
4. Target practice - throw overhand or underhand at a tree
5. Have your child fill water buckets and carry them around, either to fill up a baby pool or help you water plants, to help with strengthening.
6. A water table is another fun way to incorporate many activities at once. In a water table, your child can float objects, pour water into cups and play with small squirt toys, all activities that strengthen his hands.
6. Take two buckets - fill one with water and place them 10 feet apart. Use plastic cups to empty the first bucket and carry the water to the second bucket to fill.
7. Drip, drip drop (played like duck duck goose) fill a cup with water and walk around the circle sprinkling water on everyone's head, say drip. When you choose your target, pour the whole cup of water on their head. They run around the circle trying to chase you.

Volleying with hands activities - Watch [this video](#) to see some volleying activities that you can try with a balloon, bag, or sock! - *Mr. Shoenfelt*

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