

Dear Parents:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our toddler and preschool storytimes. Please continue helping your child develop a love for books and reading by sharing these rhymes, books, and other activities with your child.



Books To Share

Giraffes Can't Dance

by Giles Andreae

Honey...Honey...Lion!

by Jan Brett

Augustus and His Smile

by Catherine Rayne

If You're Happy and You Know It (Jungle Edition)

by James Warhola

Zomo the Rabbit

by Gerald McDermott

African Animal Alphabet

by Beverly Joubert and Dereck Joubert

Little Elephant's Trunk

by Hazel Lincoln

Water Hole Waiting

by Jane Kurtz and Christopher Kurtz

Simms Taback's Safari Animals

by Simms Taback

The Animal Boogie

illustrated by Debbie Harter; sung by Fred Penner

We're Going on a Lion Hunt

illustrated by David Axtell

Rain

by Manya Stojic

Old Mikamba Had a Farm

by Rachel Isadora



Fun With Fingerplays and Songs

I Went to the Jungle One Day

(tune: "London Bridge is Falling Down")

I went to the jungle one day,
jungle one day, jungle one day.

I saw a lion on the way

And this is what he said, "ROAR!"

(Other animals: snake, monkey, elephant, tiger, etc.)

The Elephant Goes

(tune: "All Around the Mulberry Bush")

This is the way the elephant goes

With a curly trunk instead of a nose

The rhino all hairy and fat

Has a sharp horn in place of a hat

The hippo with his mouth so wide

Let's see what's inside

The wiggly snake upon the ground

Crawls along without a sound

But monkey see, monkey do

Is the funniest animal I ever knew!

I'm A Lion

(tune: "Three Blind Mice")

I'm a lion, I'm a lion,

Hear me roar, hear me roar.

I love to sleep out in the sun,

And chase other animals just for fun.

In all the jungle I'm Number One,

I'm a lion!

Other Fun Things

Willoughby Wallaby

Willoughby Wallaby wead,
A tiger sat on my head.
Willoughby Wallaby win,
A tiger sat on my chin.
Willoughby Wallaby weg,
A tiger sat on my leg.
Willoughby Wallaby welbow,
A tiger sat on my elbow.
Willoughby Wallaby woot,
A tiger sat on my foot.
Willoughby Wallaby wumb,
A tiger sat on my thumb.
OUCH!

Do You Know the Jungle Animals

(tune: "The Muffin Man")

Do you know the slimy snake,
the slimy snake, the slimy snake
Oh do you know the slimy snake
that lives deep in the jungle?
Do you know the chimpanzee,
the chimpanzee, the chimpanzee
Oh do you know the chimpanzee
that lives deep in the jungle?
Do you know the crocodile,
the crocodile, the crocodile
Oh do you know the crocodile
that lives deep in the jungle?

Giraffe

A giraffe is as tall as tall can be.

(stretch arms way up)

He eats leaves right off trees.

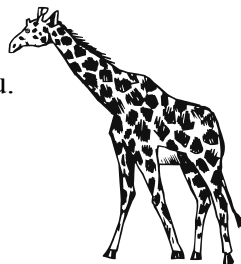
(open and close hands of out-stretched arms)

His legs are long and his neck is too.

(point to legs and neck)

And he can run faster than me or you.

(run in place)



Lion

You'll need:

Construction paper, glue, scissors, pipe cleaners, either crispy rice cereal, yellow strips of paper, or yellow strips of yarn.

Directions:

Cut a circle out of tan construction paper for the lion's face. Glue on a pink triangle for a nose, pipe cleaners for whiskers, and draw on eyes. For his mane (around circle), glue small pieces of one of the following, either crispy rice cereal, yellow strips of paper, or yellow strips of yarn.

Rain Shakers

First color rice by filling a gallon size zip lock bag 1/4 full, drip about 4 drops of desired color of food coloring on the rice, close the bag and knead until you get the desired color. Let it dry. Make around 4 or 5 different colors. Take an empty 20 oz. clear plastic bottle and fill it 1/4 full of colored rice. Close the lid tight. Have the children shake their rain shakers all together and it sounds like it's raining in your jungle!

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