



# ZOO

## PARENT HANDOUT

### CIRCLE TIME

#### ANIMALS IN THE ZOO

Tune: The Wheels on the Bus

*The lions in the zoo go roar, roar, roar,  
Roar, roar, roar, roar, roar, roar.  
The lions in the zoo go roar, roar, roar,  
All through the zoo.*

Pass out zoo animals to children. Add verses for monkeys and bears.

#### ANIMAL CHANT

Rhythmic Chant

*Zebra, zebra won't you come out?  
Zebra, zebra won't you come out  
Zebra, zebra won't you come out?  
Yeah!*

Beat individual drums to chant. Hide a variety of animals under boxes. Animals come out when drum beat stops.

#### ELEPHANT WALK

Group Movement Activity

Move around the room walking like elephants. Children carry plastic elephants. Beat large drum in center of room fast, slow, stop, and go.

Play safari background music.

### CREATIVE PLAY STATIONS

Free play with theme puzzles, playdoh, duplo animal blocks and bubbles

#### AQUATIC CENTER

Messy Play

Children and parents play together at a sensory table filled with aquatic animals. Use plastic turtles, alligators, and hippos. Put floating and stationary islands in the water. Add spray bottles to mist the animals.

#### ANIMAL PRINTS

Creative Play

Children use zoo animal shaped sponges to print on white paper "cages" with black stripes. Label with child's name and take home.

#### FEED THE ANIMALS

Language/Pretend Play


Feed zoo animal puppets shredded paper "hay" from galvanized buckets. Ask the animals if they are hungry and use the words "yes" or "no."

#### ANIMAL FAMILIES

Problem Solving Play


Put animals in laundry basket cages by families. Use a variety of sizes and types of animals.

### SNACK TIME

 Animal crackers dipped in chocolate pudding "mud" and milk

### HOME PLAY

**Praise your child. Hug, kiss, smile, and say, "Tremendous!"**

 Set up a stuffed animal at home. Pretend to feed the animals.

### TEN THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS

 Interaction  Loving Touch  Stable Relationship  Safety and Health  Self Esteem  Quality Child Care  Communication  Play  Music  Reading