

Resource Sheet - Dear Zoo

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Activity suggestions for children 0-3 years

Make & Take: Dear Zoo book

1. After reading the original book a few times read the book from the make and take.
2. The purpose of the book is for adult-child one on one interaction. It is not intended for the child to use by them self.
3. Discuss and focus on the vocabulary words and the simplified narrative with in the make and take book.
4. You can also focus in on shape recognition by looking at the different shapes and sizes of the boxes the animals are in.
5. Also talk about the colours of each of the animals.

Song: Zoo (Tune: Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush)

Here we go to the zoo in the park,
The zoo in the park, the zoo in the park;
Here were go to the zoo in the park
So early in the morning.

This is the way the elephant walks...
This is the way the big bear walks...
This is the way the kangaroo hops...
This is the way the penguin walks...

* You can change this to any animals that you would like to include.

Other Favourites: One Elephant Went Out One Day
We're Going To The Zoo (Raffi)

Other Activities that Enhance the Book Dear Zoo

Circle: Make headbands with the animals from the story "Dear Zoo" to be used when you read the story. Die cut the animals or find pictures to attach to a headband made out of Bristol board. The children wearing the headband for a particular animal from the story can stand up at that part of the story and do actions or sounds for that animal.

Creative: If you're able die cut the animals of the book onto pieces of dehydrated sponge (available through Ellison) or try die cutting with thinner pieces of sponge. Use the sponge animals with some paint and have your children do some sponge painting with the animal shapes.

Sensory: Gather various types of textured materials that would correspond with how the animals from the book look and how they would feel. Die cut the material using animal die cuts. Make the animals available for your children to hold and feel. Ask them what the material feels like or give them the words for the description. If the material gets in their mouth or a little dirty that's no problem. The material can easily be washed.

Language: Find pictures of zoo animals and farm animals from magazines or print them off the internet. Laminate if you're able. Use a large piece of paper divided into two categories for zoo animals and farm animals. Show the children an animal picture. Ask them if it is a zoo animal or a farm animal. Place the picture under the appropriate column on the graph. Continue with the rest of the pictures.

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1,2,3 To The Zoo by Eric Carle
From Head To Toe by Eric Carle
Good Night Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann

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