

October

Amazing Animals

Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Jungle Animals</p> 		<p>1 What better snack to have this week than Animal Crackers?! Your child can play with the animals and then have a yummy snack!</p>	<p>2 Can you prowl like a panther? What about swing like a monkey? Maybe slither like a snake? Move like a jungle animal and have your child mimic you.</p>	<p>3 ACTIVITY PAGE “Animal Series”</p>	<p>4 Let your child use yarn to thread plain or colored ziti noodles. Knot both ends and draw or glue googly eyes on one end to finish creating a jungle snake!</p>	<p>5 Weekend Wrap-Up Take your child to a zoo, if you live near one. If not, look for some books on jungle animals.</p>
<p>6 Farm Animals</p> 	<p>7 “Old McDonald had a Farm, E-I-E-I-O. And on that farm he had a cow, E-I-E-I-O. With a moo, moo here, and a moo,moo there. Here a moo, there a moo, everywhere a moo, moo. Old McDonald had a farm. E-I-E-I-O!”</p>	<p>8 Fill a rubber glove with water and tie up the opening like a balloon. Prick small holes in the fingers of the glove and let your child squeeze the fingers like they are milking a cow!</p>	<p>9 Place small plastic farm animals on a baking sheet or tray. Point out and name each one. Have your child close their eyes and take one away. Can they remember which one is gone??</p>	<p>10 ACTIVITY PAGE “Duck, Duck, Goose”</p>	<p>11 Add some small, pink marshmallows into chocolate pudding to make a “pigs in the mud” snack! Talk to your child about how pigs love to roll in the mud as they enjoy this sweet treat!</p>	<p>12 Weekend Wrap-Up Take your child to the grocery store and point out foods that come from farm animals or are eaten by farm animals.</p>
<p>13 Pets</p> 	<p>14 Put a soft blanket, some books, and your child’s favorite toys in a large cardboard box. Have them crawl into their “doghouse” and enjoy some quiet time!</p>	<p>15 Play a “copy-cat” game. You clap twice. Your child claps twice. You sit down. Your child sits down. You touch your nose. Your child touches their nose. And so on!</p>	<p>16 Show your child a yoga sequence called “CAT-COW”. Get on hands and knees. Put head down and back up for “cat” pose. Put head up and arch back for “cow” pose.</p>	<p>17 ACTIVITY PAGE “Doggy Bones”</p>	<p>18 Multicolored goldfish crackers are a not only a great snack but can also be used for counting and sorting by color. Goldfish are great pets and a snack you can learn from!</p>	<p>19 Weekend Wrap-Up Take your child to a local Humane Society to play with animals who are waiting to be adopted.</p>
<p>20 Woodland Animals</p> 	<p>21 Enjoy a bunny hop with your child! Put on your child’s favorite songs and hope around like wild rabbits in the woods having a dance party!</p>	<p>22 Can you hear me, little fox? Foxes have a keen sense of hearing. Hide somewhere in your home. Clap your hands until your child (the fox) finds you, using their sense of hearing!</p>	<p>23 Use sticks and rocks to build a dam like a beaver. Build it in a deep container. Pour water on one side of the dam and see if it stops the water from going to the other side.</p>	<p>24 ACTIVITY PAGE “Bear Hunt”</p>	<p>25 Stick a white washrag in the back of your pants and your child’s pants. Now, you are both white tailed deer! Chase each other and see which of you can pull out the other’s white tail!</p>	<p>26 Weekend Wrap-Up Take your child on a nature trail, if you live near one, and look for animals who live there or read some books about woodland animals.</p>
<p>27 Nocturnal Animals</p> 	<p>28 “Bats are sleeping Bats are sleeping Upside down,(repeat) Sleeping in the morning sun. Waiting for the night to come. Then they’ll fly around. Then they’ll fly around.”</p>	<p>29 Help your child roll playdough into balls and then stick toothpicks into them. Talk about how prickly the toothpicks feel and that is how a porcupine feels, too!</p>	<p>30 Let your child hold a flashlight before they go to sleep at night to shine around their room. This is what it is like for nocturnal animals when they are out at night.</p>	<p>31 Carve a pumpkin to look like an owl. Big round eyes and an upside-down triangle for a beak. Let your child glue feathers all over the pumpkin.</p>	<p>Character Word: Curious- eager to know something Calendar created by: Dr. Pamela B Connor Educational Trainer and Consultant Calendar Translated by: Manuela Rodriguez</p> 	



What Animal Has Series

by Katrine Crow

This set of mystery animal books will have your child using clues from different animals' feet, ears, tails, and noses to figure out who they are. After reading this set of books, play a game of "I Spy" with your child to find animals (real and imaginary) around your house and neighborhood. You might say, "I spy an animal with green eyes and a long tail" and your child will figure out that you are talking about your cat! Or, maybe you say, "I spy an animal with long ears and a bushy tail" and your child will figure out that you are talking about their favorite stuffed animal which is a bunny rabbit! This is a great way to teach your child about using details when describing what they see!

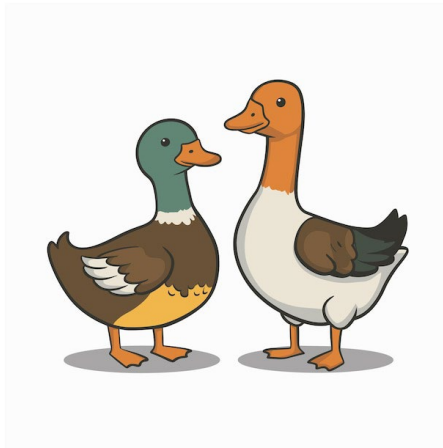


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Duck, Duck, Goose

This game is usually played with more than 2 players, but stuffed animals can fill in if necessary! Create a circle with your children or your child and some of their favorite stuffed animals. You start the game by traveling around the circle touching the heads of all players saying, “Duck, Duck, Duck...” and then finally, you will say “Goose!” If you say “Goose” when touching a child’s head, that child will chase you around the circle and try to touch you before you can sit in their spot. If your child wins, it is their turn to touch heads and say, “Duck, Duck, Duck... Goose!” If you say “Goose” when touching the head of a stuffed animal, you will grab the stuffed animal and pretend to race them back to their spot. Guess what? The stuffed animal will win every time so you will have to go around again. This is a fun activity for your child to learn about playing games and following directions!





Doggy Treats

You and your child can make homemade doggy bones for your own pets or as gifts to other pets. It would also be nice to take a batch to your local Humane Society. These are the ingredients you will need:

- ½ cup creamy peanut butter
 - ¼ cup honey
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup chicken broth
 - 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 cup all-purpose flour

First, whisk together the first 4 ingredients until they are smooth. Next, mix in the last 3 ingredients. Add some flour to a cutting board and help your child flatten the dough using your hands and a rolling pin. Use a cookie cutter of any shape (a bone-shaped one would be really cute!) Cut as many shapes as you can and place them on baking sheets covered with parchment paper. Bake in a 350 degrees oven for 14-16 minutes. Let them cool and serve up this yummy treat to a sweet doggy!





Bear Hunt

You and your child sit on the floor with legs crossed. Start a pattern of hitting your knees twice and then clapping your hands twice.

Hit, hit, clap, clap. Hit, hit, clap, clap.

*We're going on a bear hunt. There's a tree!
We can't go under it, we can't go through it.
Let's climb up it!
(Pretend to climb the tree)*

*We're going on a bear hunt. There's a river!
We can't go under it, we can't go over it.
Let's swim through it!
(Pretend to swim through the river)*

*Oh, there's a cave. Let's go in.
I feel a cold nose. I see bright eyes.
I feel soft fur. Is that a...*

BEAR!

RUN AWAY!!

