

**May 2020**

**Theme: Animals**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Literacy Tip: Try to find time to make reading a priority for everyone at home so that your children will be inspired to read.</b></p>					<p><b>1</b> Take a walk outside. What animals do you see? What letter do they start with?</p>	<p><b>2</b> Make an animal collage. Cut out pictures of animals and paste them on a sheet of paper.</p>
<p><b>3</b> Sing Old MacDonald had a Farm+ and come up with your own animals for the song.</p>	<p><b>4</b> What letter does your name start with? What animals also start with that letter?</p>	<p><b>5</b> Our state animal is a white-tailed deer. Try to draw it.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Read Caps for Sale (Hoopla) and pretend to be the monkeys as they imitate the peddler.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Finger Play: Five little Monkeys jumping on the bed...+</p>	<p><b>8</b> If you could have any animal for a pet what would it be? What would you name it? How would you take care of it?</p>	<p><b>9</b> Use a puppet or stuffed animal to tell a story. Use silly voices for different characters.</p>
<p><b>10</b> Make a card for Mother's Day, include grandmas, godmothers, and friends' mothers.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Read Duck! Rabbit! (Tumble Books) and talk about how each picture looks like a duck or a rabbit.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Sing the alphabet and try to name an animal for every letter that you can!</p>	<p><b>13</b> Talk about animals. Name an animal, then say the baby name of that same animal.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Read Goldilocks and the Three Bears (Hoopla), then help your child retell the story.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Play animal charades. Take turns acting like different animals. Can you guess the animal?</p>	<p><b>16</b> Read Baby Animals Playing (Tumble Books)</p>
<p><b>17</b> Sing Baa, Baa, Black Sheep + Rhyme Time: Little Bo Peep with scarves+</p>	<p><b>18</b> What animals live under water? Write them down, then count how many you know. Which one is the biggest? Smallest?</p>	<p><b>19</b> Finger Play: Bubble! Bubble! Pop! +</p>	<p><b>20</b> Read Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! (Tumble Books), then draw a picture of a bee, a ladybug, and a butterfly and talk about it.</p>	<p><b>21</b> Take a walk and look for butterflies. Can you tell a story about what butterflies are doing?</p>	<p><b>22</b> Listen to The Ants Go Marching! (Tumble Books)</p>	<p><b>23</b> It's Margaret Wise Brown's birthday. Read Goodnight Moon (Hoopla)</p>
<p><b>24/31</b> Help your child write a poem about what their favorite animal does all day. Illustrate your poem.</p>	<p><b>25</b> Pick up any book you have at home and make up words to go with the pictures.</p>	<p><b>26</b> Write the words "dog," "cat," "pig," and "cow." Can you think of a word that rhymes with each animal?</p>	<p><b>27</b> Finger Play: I had a little turtle + Draw a picture of a little turtle.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Play Animal Simon Says. Can you growl like a lion? Slither like a snake? Hop like a kangaroo? Make up your own sounds and actions.</p>	<p><b>29</b> Read The Three Little Pigs(Hoopla), then help your child retell the story.</p>	<p><b>30</b> Take a walk and listen for animal noises. What animals are making those sounds?</p>

We hope you enjoy completing the daily activities with your child. Here are some suggested books to read this month. Find these great books and more at: [gadml.org](http://gadml.org)

+ Rhymes: Jbrary YouTube

**Hoopla Titles**

*Pete the Cat: Old MacDonald*  
*Mouse Paint*  
*Alligator, Bear, Crab*  
*Olivia the Sheep Can't Sleep*  
*Fish Eyes*

**Tumble Book Titles**

*Little Hoot*  
*Chicken, Pig, Cow*  
*Animals in Camouflage*



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