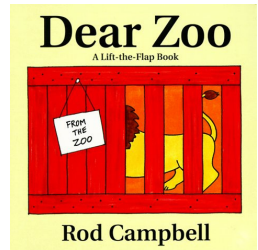




# Mengle Memorial Library

presents:

## Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell



Dear Zoo is a great book to introduce the early literacy skills *Talking* and *Phonological Awareness* to your child. Hearing the rhythm of language and making the sounds of animals contribute to phonological awareness, which is hearing sounds in words. This is one of the skills that researchers have found helps with learning to read.

Cloth or board books with animal sounds are ideal for babies as they are often easier for a child to attempt to imitate than “real” words. Point to objects in the book and name them; change your voice as you read aloud and make the sounds of the animals the baby sees in the book. Ask your child questions about the animals on the page. “Where is the lion?” Pause, point, and answer for really young children, “Oh, there’s the lion!”

Hearing and learning animal sounds helps children hear different kinds of sounds. “What does a lion say?” Pause and wait for your child to respond. “Yes, a Lion says Roar!” Having your child hear and make the sounds of the animals is one enjoyable way to help develop phonological awareness because eventually they will be able to hear the smaller sounds in words.

### **Come to the library for more books about Zoo Animals!**

1,2,3 to the Zoo by Eric Carle

The Zoo by M.E. Gagg

My Heart is like a Zoo by Michael Hall

Zoo-ology by Joelle Jolivet

Stop snoring, Bernard! by Zachariah O’Hora

Z is for Zoo by Jo Rigg

Curious George Visits the Zoo & Curious George Feeds the Animals by Margret Rey

If I Ran the Zoo by Dr. Seuss

Zoo! by Lori Froeb

What do you do at the zoo? by Susan Goodman

The Zoo by Blake Hoena

Put me in the Zoo by Robert Lopshire

Goodnight , Gorilla by Peggy Rathman

Animal Strike at the Zoo! by Karma Wilson

### **Any book can be read your child’s level**

Some children benefit from a 'less is more' approach when learning to talk. Cutting extra words helps them focus on learning new vocabulary. When reading this book, match the amount of words you use to your child’s level. For children who are just starting out with words, use just the animal names “elephant, giraffe.” For toddlers who are beginning to combine words, add an extra word “bye bye elephant...too heavy,” “goodbye giraffe... too tall”

For older children, ask how many syllables the animal’s name has. Clap it out. (El-e-phant, Gir-affe). Ask them what sound it starts with and see if they can think of anything else that starts with that sound. (Lion starts with the L sound, so does Llama and Letter.) Ask your child which one is their favorite animal? Do you think it would make a good pet? What animal would you like to get from the zoo?

If you have ever been to the zoo with your child, talk to them about what they remember.



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## Here are some song and rhymes about Zoo Animals.

### Boa Constrictor

I'm being swallowed by a boa constrictor  
I'm being swallowed by a boa constrictor  
I'm being swallowed by a boa constrictor  
And I don't like it very much!

Oh no, oh no he swallowed my toe, he  
swallowed my toe

Oh gee, oh gee, he's up to my knee, he's up to  
my knee

Oh fiddle, oh fiddle, he's up to my middle, he's  
up to my middle

Oh heck, oh heck, he's up to my neck, he's up to  
my neck

Oh dread, oh dread, he swallowed my (GULP!!)  
head!!

### "Going to the Zoo" by Raffi

Mommy's taking us to the zoo tomorrow,  
Zoo tomorrow, zoo tomorrow,  
Mommy's taking us to the zoo tomorrow  
And we can stay all day.

#### Chorus:

We're going to the zoo, zoo, zoo  
How about you, you you?  
You can come too, too, too  
We're going to the zoo, zoo zoo.

Look at the monkeys swinging in the trees,  
Swinging in the trees, swinging in the trees,  
Look at all the monkeys swinging in the trees,  
We can stay all day.

#### Chorus

Look at all the crocodiles swimming in the  
water,  
Swimming in the water, swimming in the water,  
Look at all the crocodiles swimming in the water  
We can stay all day.

#### Chorus

Yes, Mommy's taking us to the zoo tomorrow,  
Zoo tomorrow, zoo tomorrow  
Mommy's taking us to the zoo tomorrow  
And we can stay all day.

### Old Mac Donald Had a Zoo.

Old Mac Donald had a zoo. EIEIO  
And in that zoo he had a monkey. EIEIO  
With an EEEEEEE here, and an EEEEE there,  
Here an EEEEEEE, there an EEEEEEE,  
Everywhere an EEEEE, EEEEE  
Old Mack Donald had a zoo, EIEIO

(Lions roaring, Elephants trumpeting, zebras  
braying)

### You Can Hear

(She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain)

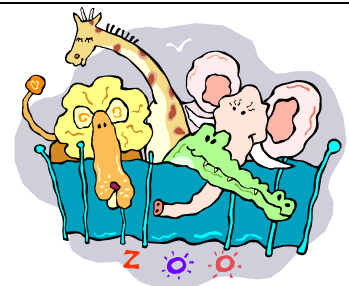
You can hear the lions roaring at the zoo,  
ROAR! ROAR!

You can hear the lions roaring at the zoo,  
ROAR! ROAR!

You can hear the lions roaring, you can hear  
the lions roaring

You can hear the lions roaring at the zoo!  
ROAR! ROAR!

(Elephants trumpeting, zebra braying, monkey  
eeking)



### I came to the zoo

(My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean)

I came to the zoo to see lions,  
Elephants, tigers, and bears.

I came to the zoo to see zebras.  
I love all the animals there!

Lions, tigers,  
Elephants, zebras, and bears,  
And bears!

Lions, tigers,  
Elephants, zebras, and bears!



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