WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Booklist
1, 2, 3 to the Zoo - Eric Carle
From Head to Toe - Eric Carle
Panda Bear, Panda Bear What Do You See? - Eric Carle
Do You Want to Be My Friend? - Eric Carle
Where’s My Teddy? - Jez Alborough (also available as Candlewick Big Book)
Dear Zoo - Rod Campbell
May I Bring a Friend? - Beatrice Schenk De Regniers
Feathered Ones and Furry (poems) - Aileen Fisher
We’re Going on a Bear Hunt - Michael Rosen (pop-up version also available)

Action Wigglers & Games
Encourage gross motor skills during the preschool years. Carle’s From Head To Toe works well on these visits—simply “act out” the book. From Head to Toe also gives parents an idea of the windows of opportunity that are opened with a book.

Song
“Goin’ to the Zoo” (from Goin’ to the Zoo - CD by Tom Paxton; Rounder Kids, ©1997)

Dramatic Play or Writing Activity
Make clippings of animals from copies of pictures, put them in a box/basket, and let the children act out what the animals do in the book after reading the story.

THE LION ON THE PATH Use musical instrument, or rubber bands on a box to make a thumb piano. (print source: The Story Vine, by Anne Pellowski; Macmillan, ©1984)

GOING ON A BEAR HUNT Who doesn’t love this action story? The kids sure do! See Michael Rosen’s book for a plot refresher if you’ve forgotten how it goes.

Poetry
Read selections from Eric Carle’s Animals, Animals (Philomel Books, ©1989), or another poetry book of your choice. Two favorite poets are Jack Prelutsky (America’s first children’s poet laureate!) and Douglas Florian.

Craft
PAPER PLATE ANIMAL MASKS (print source: Little Hands Paper Plate Crafts: Creative Art Fun for 3- to 7-year-olds, by Laura Check; Williamson Publishing, ©2000)
(online sources: http://www.kinderinfo.com/paper-plate-mask/
OR http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/content/3617/3617_aesop_papermask.pdf

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