

# 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](http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/content/3617/3617_aesop_papermask.pdf)

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