

ZOO DAY



KIDS' DAY OUT
SINGLE DAY LESSON PLAN FOR GRADES K-5

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Get ready to explore zoo animals. Zoo Day is an interactive school-age lesson plan that encourages children to construct knowledge through thoughtfully planned activities and active exploration of their environment. Children will learn about zoo animals! While the lesson plan incorporates many different Pennsylvania Learning Standards, it focuses on the key learning area of “Production and Performance in the Visual Arts”. Specifically, children will engage in learning activities that meet the PA Standard Areas: Visual Arts, Gross Motor Coordination and Counting.

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SINGLE DAY SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION	DURATION/SCHEDULE
Arrival Activity (Early drop off): Puzzles/Games	As Needed
Ready Set Learn: Fun Facts About Zoo Animals	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Paper Cup Giraffe	30 Minutes
Snack	15 Minutes
Themed Activity: Paper Heart Penguin	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Paper Plate Elephant	30 Minutes
Lunch	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Hippo Puppet	45 Minutes
Social-Emotional Learning: What to Do When Stuck In a Zoo	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Monkey Math	45 Minutes
Wrap Up	15 Minutes
Pick Up Activity (Late Pick Up): Puzzles/Games	As Needed

MATERIALS LIST

- Foam cups
- Brown, yellow, and red paint
- Purple or blue and brown chenille stems
- Googly eyes
- Black marker
- Tacky glue
- Blue, black, orange, and white paper
(See optional modifications)
- Small paper plates
- Large paper plates
- Gray or blue tissue paper
- Gray cardstock
- Scissors
- Stapler or school glue
- Pencil
- Paper lunch bag
- Gray tempera paint
- Paintbrush
- Mini marshmallows

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EARLY DROP-OFF



ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION

ARRIVAL ACTIVITY

- Puzzles and games related to zoo animals



DURATION/SCHEDULE

3 hours – 6 to 9 a.m.



MATERIALS

- Variety of games and puzzles



LEARNER MODIFICATIONS



GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- Use play to practice new skills and knowledge
- Cooperate with peers during activities
- Coordinate eye and hand movements



STANDARDS

- AL.1 2.A
- AL.1 2.C
- 10.5 2.B



ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION

READY SET LEARN: ZOO ANIMALS

FUN FACTS:

- Germany holds the most zoos of any other country.
- Scientific research is performed with zoo animals.
- Rare animals are preserved and researched at zoos.
- 1/5 of mammal species are bats.
- Kangaroos can't move their legs independently.
- Elephants can recognize their own reflections.
- Giraffes only sleep around 1-2 hours a day.

Discussions: Open by asking the children what they know about zoos. Ask them to share if they have visited a zoo, and which one(s). Encourage them to share what their favorite animal(s) is/are. Encourage them to share what they know about their favorite animal(s) and what they would like to learn about their favorites.

Have children brainstorm the different facts about animals and compile a list of zoo animal facts. Follow one of the links to discover new facts! Stream one of the live virtual zoo links for more discovery!