EARLY LITERACY TIP

HAVE FUN PROVIDING YOUR CHILD WITH MATERIALS TO MAKE A ZOO (SEE CRAFT IDEAS). ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO ‘LABEL’ THE ANIMALS AND MAKE A ZOO SIGN. YOUNGER CHILDREN CAN DRAW (OR SCRIBBLE!) PICTURES OR TRY THE FIRST LETTER. CHILDREN THAT ARE READY CAN COPY WORDS, WRITE THE LETTERS AS YOU SAY THEM, OR GUESS THE LETTERS AS YOU SAY THE SOUNDS.

BOOKS TO READ ON HOOPLA:

Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? by Bill Martin
Footloose by Kenny Loggins
Curious George Feeds The Animals by H. A. Rey
Construction Zoo by Jennifer Thorne
Good Night, Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann
Fraidyzoo by Thyra Heder
Fiona The Hippo by Richard Cowdrey
Going To The Sea Park by Mercer Mayer
The Zebra Said Shhh by M. R. Nelson

MORE BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY:

Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
My Heart is Like a Zoo by Michael Hall
Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert
Animal Srike at the Zoo It’s True! by Karma Wilson
Big Gray Elephant
The big gray elephant slowly walks.
She doesn’t make a sound.
She swings her trunk from left to right,
When she puts her feet on the ground.
Swing, swing, left and right,
She doesn’t make a sound.

Kangaroo
Jump, jump, jump (jump)
Goes the kangaroo. (jump)
I thought only one – (hold up one finger)
But now I see two! (hold up two fingers)
Mommy and her baby
With his head popping out (wiggle thumb from fist)
He holds on tight (hug self)
As they jump all about! (jump around)

You Can Hear (to the tune of: "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!
(Snakes hissing, bears growling, wolves howling, frogs croaking, zebras braying)