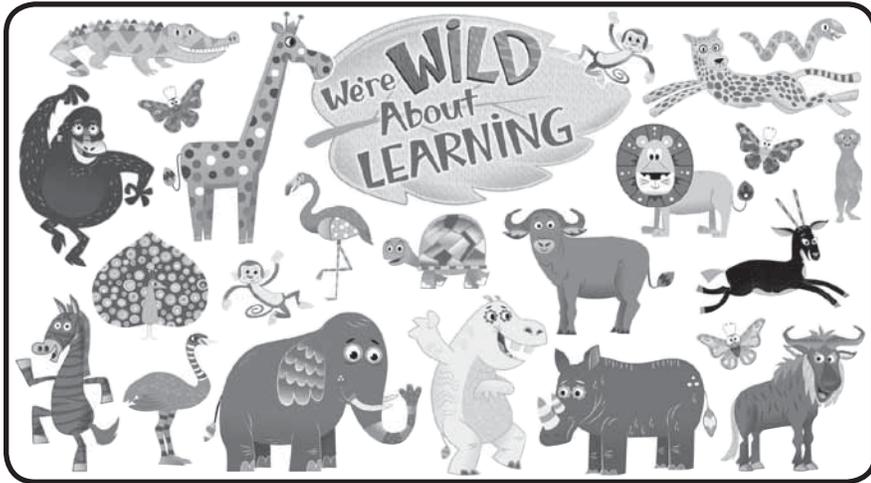


Jingle Jungle Animals

A Teaching and Learning Bulletin Board

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LANGUAGE ARTS

Animal Similes

Invite children to think about different traits of the animals in the display, for example, a cheetah is fast, a peacock is proud. You may want to help your students by writing various adjectives on the board and asking them which animals they apply to. Next, give students the name of one of their classmates. Ask them to think about positive characteristics of this person. Then they can create animal similes about their classmates: *Sunil is as brave as a lion*, *Joyce is as funny as a monkey*, etc. Completed similes can be displayed beside appropriate animals using either large sticky notes or our Jingle Jungle frames accents.

Safari So Goodie

A fun memory game using the display starts with one child saying something like, "I went on safari and saw a rhinoceros." The next child has to remember what the first child said and add on a different animal, e.g., "I went on safari and saw a rhinoceros and a lion..." This continues with each child trying to remember what everybody else has already said. Another memory activity is giving students one minute to view the display and recall as many animals as they can. The children look away while one or more animals are removed. Then, they must guess which animals have been removed. Differentiate this activity by giving the children more or less time to view the items or by using just some of the animals.

SCIENCE

The Jingle Jungle Book

Invite students to select an animal from the display that they would like to research and write about. They should find as much information as possible about their animal from libraries, the Internet, nature programs, etc. Have students complete the graphic organizer on page 3 before writing their report. A fun activity at this stage is to have them swap organizers with a partner and guess each other's animal from the information given. (Inform students not to fill in the animal's name until this activity is completed!) Children will then write their reports using their graphic organizers as guides. You can then compile all of the class reports together into one Jingle Jungle Book.

Displaying and Using Your Bulletin Board Set

Choose an eye-level bulletin board on which to display your Jingle Jungle Animals bulletin board set. Use the display, individual bulletin board pieces, and the reproducible patterns in this resource guide to do the suggested activities.

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MATH

Data

Make a bar graph of the children's favorite Jingle Jungle animals. First record your students' favorite animals using tally marks. Display all the animals in line. Point to each one individually, asking students to raise their hand if it is their favorite animal. Use strips of black card stock as tally marks that can be taped beside each animal. Explain that tally marks are grouped into sets of five to make them easier to count, and show how the fifth tally mark is placed diagonally across the other four. Using this information students can make a bar graph. Display the animals across the bottom of the graph and use different colored bars to represent each animal. Have the class examine the completed graph and ask them questions related to it, such as: *What is the most/least popular animal in the class? How many children prefer elephants to butterflies?*

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

Proud of Our Prides

Simplify grouping using the display pieces. Choose an animal to represent each group. Copy and distribute the reproducible leaves from page 4. Have each child write his or her name on a leaf and decorate it as desired. You may wish to laminate the leaves for durability. Display children's leaves near their assigned animal. Children find their names on the display and gather into their assigned groups. If you wish to assign children to learning centers, simply label each animal with the name of one of the learning centers and place children's names beside the center you want them to visit.

GYM

Jungle Gym

These fun warm-up activities can be used in any gym lesson. Place a selection of the display pieces around the classroom or gym. On your signal, students move to the nearest picture and start moving like that animal. After 30 seconds give the signal again and have the children move to another animal. The class could also play "Follow the Leader." Place a selection of animal display pieces facedown in a pile in the room. The "leader" picks the first picture and starts to move like that animal. The class must copy and follow the leader around the room. After a complete circuit, the leader goes to the back of the line, and the next child chooses an animal to mimic. Continue until everyone has had a turn to be the leader. For more animal fun, hold up the display animals and explain to the class the way you would like them to move for each animal (e.g., *for the elephant stomp your feet, for the snake lie on your belly*). Then, hold up one picture at a time; with each round, the last child to do the correct action is out of the game, leaving one "wild" winner.

Using Coordinating Products

Use these ideas with the coordinating products to extend students' learning across the curriculum.

Name Plates

- ◆ Expand the Jingle Jungle theme to other areas of the classroom by using the decorative name plates to display important sight words or number facts.
- ◆ Names of students who have a birthday or have been assigned classroom chores or given a class award can be displayed prominently in the classroom using the name plates.

Scalloped Trimmers

- ◆ Attach trimmers to the classroom wall and use as height charts. Each child can have their own trimmer to measure their height and track their growth as the year progresses.

Accents

- ◆ Write certificates on Jingle Jungle accents to recognize children for good work and other achievements.
- ◆ The Jingle Jungle theme can be expanded to math using the Jingle Jungle frames accents. Simply divide the circular or square accents into halves, fourths, eighths, etc. They can now be used for sharing activities or as concrete materials for teaching about fractions.

Hole-Punch Reward Tickets

- ◆ Call attention to your students' successes with Jingle Jungle hole-punch reward tickets. Celebrate good behavior or classroom achievement by punching each student's ticket with a simple hole puncher. When all circles in a ticket have been punched, acknowledge the student with a classroom privilege, a free homework pass, or some other reward!

What does this animal look like?

What does this animal eat?

**Where does this
animal live?**

**Interesting facts
about this animal:**

animal

