

Kindergarten
May
Parents and Offspring

Station 1: Baby Animal Bingo

Materials:

- Bingo cards with baby animal pictures
- Pictures of adult animals (matching with baby bingo cards)
- Bingo markers

Station 2: Guess the animal

Materials:

- Animal sounds CD
- CD player (PLESAE BRING YOUR OWN CD PLAYER)

Station 3: Birds nest

Materials:

- Paper plate
- Small sticks, dried leaves, grass, yarn, feathers, pine needles
- Spanish moss
- Modeling clay
- Baby birds
- White craft glue
- Plastic wrap

Station 1: Baby Animal Bingo

Materials:

- Bingo cards with baby animal pictures
- Pictures of adult animals (matching with baby bingo cards)
- Bingo markers

Activity:

Give each child a BINGO card. Hold up one of the adult animal pictures so that all of the children can see it. Have the children name the animal, and then see if that animal's baby is on their card; if it is, have them cover the baby with a marker. The first child to get 4 in a row across, down, or diagonally wins the game. You can play several times.

Station 2: Guess the animal

Materials:

- Animal sounds CD
- CD player

Activity:

Before you begin the activity, talk about why do animals make sounds. Have you ever walked through the woods and wondered what the birds and squirrels and frogs are saying? Well, they may not be talking the way we do, but they are passing along important information nonetheless. They use these sounds as a way to communicate. They need to "talk" to each other to warn of danger, tell where food is, mark their territories, tell each other their whereabouts etc.

Have children listen to one of the animal sounds and then shut off the CD. Ask the children if any one of them know what the sound is. Give a hint if necessary. After someone guesses the animal, play the next animal sound and then continue on this way until you are done with all the animal sounds on the CD.

Extension:

ÿ Let the children take turns making animal sounds and let the other children try to figure out what the animal is..

Station 3: Birds nest

Materials:

- Paper plate
- Small sticks, dried leaves, grass, yarn, feathers, pine needles
- Spanish moss
- Modeling clay
- Baby Birds
- White craft glue
- Plastic wrap

Activity:

1. Have a general discussion about what is a home?

For animals, it's :

- A place to be safe
- A place to raise a family
- A place to keep warm and dry

2. Make a bird nest

Ask the kids what they think goes into making a real bird's nest? Have the kids try to manipulate the moss, grass, twigs and other items into a birds nest shape. Tell them not to worry if doesn't look like a nest. The idea is to get them thinking about what kinds of things would make it hold shape. Encourage them to weave items together, like the pine needles and grass. See if they can just use their two fingers, mimicking a bird's beak, to get items to stick together.

- Pick a plate and write your name on the back of the plate.
- Put glue on the top of the plate
- Add moss, sticks, yarn ,leaves, grass, feathers and pine needles to make a nest.
- Add a baby bird to the nest.
- Make eggs out of clay and add to your nest.
- Wrap your nest in plastic wrap.