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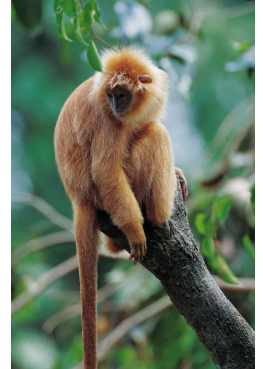
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Spanish Safari Fun / Safari Español

From Boca Beth



Get out your safari hats! Find your play jeeps! Collect together those miniature wild animal figures! Clip out pictures of safari animals!

Look deep into your 'child side' because it's time for a Spanish Safari ... un safari Español (oohn sah-fahr-ee ays-pahn-yole)!!!

Children are curious about animals outside of their neighborhood. That's why the Crocodile Hunter's shows are so wildly popular! And why Animal Planet continues to increase in the ratings game! And why The Discovery Channel features various shows about just the animals we are going to sing about and dance & play with!

Want to get those little children excited today? Mention that you are going to have some animal fun, and wait for the cheers to begin and the "alrights" to be their replies!

Don't forget to read well into this lesson fun to find out what cool Boca Beth Educator's Members Only special we are featuring this month.

*Happy Educating! ¡Sea feliz educando!
..... **Boca Beth***



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Featured Song of the Month:

I See Animals / Veo animales from our Boca Beth CD titled ***Sing Along with Boca Beth / Canta con Boca Beth***

"I See Animals/Veo animales"
(sung to the tune of "This Old Man")

I see a tiger, Veo un tigre.
He has stripes, El tiene rayas.
He likes to run very fast!
El le gusta correr muy rápido!

I see an elephant, Veo un elefante.
He's so big, El es tan grande.
He has a trunk that's very, very long.
El tiene una trompa que es muy larga.

I see a lion, Veo un león.
He is a king, El es un rey.
The lion roars just like this. (Leave time for roar.)
El leon ruge justo como asi. (Leave time for roar.)

I see a monkey, Veo un mono.
He eats bananas, El come platanos.
The monkey makes a silly noise. (Make monkey noise)
El mono hace un ruido tonto. (Make monkey noise)





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Circle time activities for our song about friends:

- **Fitness Fun**

We continue to hear about our country's challenge with obesity in our children. As their parents and teachers we CAN make a difference in this – one child at a time. Use this song to incorporate some physical fitness fun today! Here's how:

Before we even get up to do this fun activity I show the children the tiger, lion, elephant and monkey bilingual language cards from the Boca Beth FREE resource area on our web site www.bocabeth.com (Remember – there are more than 80 Spanish and English language cards with the pronunciation of each word just sitting there for your daily language fun! Print them off today and laminate them!!!) Talk about the word in English and in Spanish and then ask one person to volunteer to show the group how the animal sounds and how the animal moves through the jungle. Practice saying the animal words in Spanish before beginning the song.

Make a big circle with the children holding hands and then dropping them once the circle is formed. Instruct the children that they are to act out the song in their space – no moving around the circle and keeping awareness of their neighbors' space. Demonstrate to them how to do the following:

1. Run in place like the tiger very fast.
2. Make a trunk by extending their arm from their nose and swinging it gently in front of them with limited side-to-side motions so they don't hit their neighbors.
3. Roar like a lion with attitude – like the king of the jungle!
4. Make a silly monkey noise and use arm motions of a monkey.

Variation on this activity: There are sometimes some cute animal masks to be found inexpensively at the Dollar Store for the tiger, elephant, lion and monkey in this song. Choose four children to wear the masks and invite them to come inside the circle of children. The other children on the outside of the circle are asked to act out the animal and its actions while their friends wearing the mask do the motions and sounds inside the circle.



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Art Fun with Jungle / Safari Animals

Make a Rain Shaker Today:

1. Color rice by filling a gallon size zip lock bag 1/4 full with white rice.
2. Drip about 4 drops of desired color of food coloring on the rice.
3. Close the bag and knead until you get the desired color.
4. Make around four or five different colors, and allow them to dry completely laid out on a baking sheet.
5. Each child will need an empty 20 Oz. clear plastic bottle.
6. Fill each bottle 1/4 of the way full of colored rice.
7. Close the lid tightly.
8. Type up this poem and glue it to the outside of the bottles.
"Shake this rain shaker up and down to hear the rains pitter-patter sounds"
9. Have the children shake their rain shakers all together and it sounds like it's raining in your jungle! Encourage half of them to shake their rain shakers during the Boca Beth song *Veo animales* while the other half acts the song out and then switch parts.

Going On a Spanish Safari!

Cut out grocery sized paper bags into vest shapes. Using green, grey and brown paints sponge paint them to look like they are camouflaged. Then make binoculars from a paper towel tube by cutting the tubes in half, covering them with construction paper and decorating them to look like binoculars. Hang crepe paper streamers around the room to give it more of a jungle feel. You can even have the children cut out leaf shapes. (You could hang this over our doorway so the students enter 'the jungle' as they come in the classroom or into your home.) A little twist of fun is to hide jungle stuffed animals and have the children hunt for them! They love this added jungle idea!



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Sizzlin' Spanish Serpiente (sare-pee-ayn-tay) / Snake:

- Have Children paint both sides of a paper plate green.
- Allow them to dry, and then begin cutting each plate in a spiral until you get about 5 inches from the end (remember to make its head a little bigger than the rest of its long body).
- Use a wiggly eye and red curly ribbon for its tongue.
- You now have a long snake to rap around the streamers or vines in your jungle.

Food Fun for Spanish Safari:

Tiger stripe cookies:

Using fudge striped cookies simply pipe on orange frosting to create cool looking tiger striped cookies!

Monkey Bread

1. Start with a package of pizza dough.
2. Melt butter or margarine in a dish
3. Mix cinnamon and sugar in a separate dish or container.
4. Have children break off pieces of dough the size of quarters or a little larger.
5. Each child gets to dip their piece of dough in butter first followed by the cinnamon & sugar mixture.
6. Place in 8 inch pan and bake at 350 for 30 to 35 minutes.
7. Allow to cool just a bit. Enjoy!!!!

Such an easy & fun cooking activity even toddlers can do this one!



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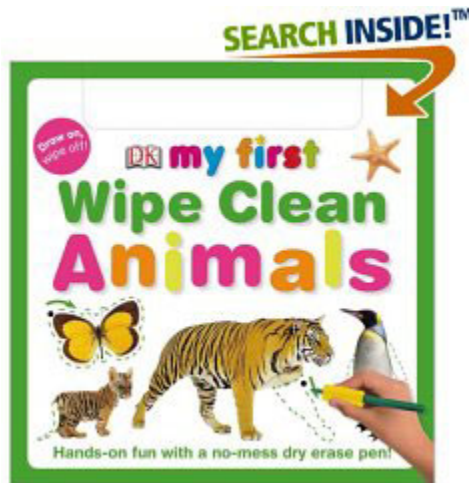
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Science / Habitat Fun for Spanish Safari Time:

Habitat Play:

- If you have a Science table, place a dish of water, a tray of dirt, and a pile of grass or hay.
- Then scatter around many small toy jungle animals.
- When the children visit the Science table they can place the animals in the correct habitat.
- Provide the children with a check sheet for which animals dwell in which habitats.

Book Fun for Spanish Safari Lessons:



Animals (My First Wipe Clean Books) (Board book) by D.K. Publishing

Book Description

This board book includes wipe-clean pages specifically designed to practice early writing and drawing skills. Exciting photographs illustrate young children's favorite subjects and motivate children to try the challenging activities again and again. * **You can easily tie in the Spanish words on these wipe clean pages for bilingual reinforcement.**

- **Reading level:** Ages 4-8
- **Board book:** 26 pages

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We are ready to celebrate two years of providing the Boca Beth Educator's Club to many people across the United States, in the United Kingdom and Australia!

Now we just need to figure out how to get past issues to those who might want to share in all of the lesson fun we have provided over the past 22 monthly themes! Some of you have been here since the beginning – some of you have not!

Our first step in sharing back issues will be with all of you. And it's simple...refer a friend, a family member or a fellow teacher or homeschooling mom to join our Club, and we will send you 12 back issues for free! That is like getting \$19.95 put back into your pocket.

When they sign up they simply need to type your name into the special remarks area, and we will send you the back issues within 3 days. (The files are a bit big so we don't like to overwhelm anyone's computer!)

This offer is good through the end of February 2008 – that is 2/29/08.

So, come on! Share this well kept secret with someone today, and you will get 12 back issues FREE (just tell us what months you want starting from April 2006 through December 2007).

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