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Let's share: *Monkey and Me*

Sing & Dance with Me!



This book is about a little girl and her toy monkey, who go to see lots of different animals ó penguins, kangaroos, bats, elephants and monkeys ó and have fun copying their movements.

The rhythmic rhyming text invites a sing-song voice and natural gestures. Exaggerate *We went to see some* and pause briefly before turning the page. Let the children announce the animal!

As each group of animals moves about, a tune or rhythm could be played on an instrument such as a drum for elephants stomping.

Encourage the children to get up and imitate the movements of the different animals as you read the book with enthusiasm:

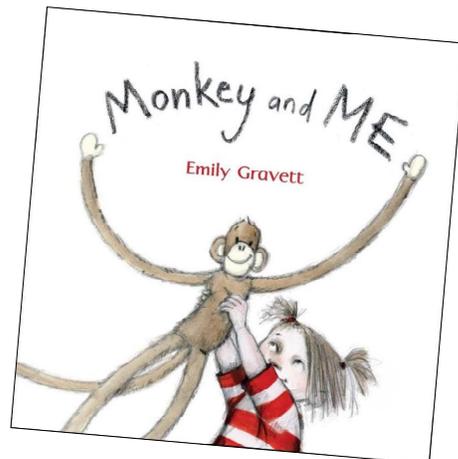
Penguins: restricted limb movement, shuffling feet, head high

Kangaroos: jumping from squat or standing position, 1 or 2 feet

Bats: flitting around arms waving reaching up high over head

Elephants: stomping with heavy feet, swinging trunk side to side

Monkeys: light on the feet, playful and chaotic and noisy!



Take it outside!

Instead of simply walking outside to play, open the book on a random page and move like the animals.

Draw lines in the sand or snow to jump over like a kangaroo. Who else jumps?

Create with Me!



Bring in a sock monkey and invite the children to pose creatively and physically for a photo with the monkey. Create a book for the classroom with a caption for each photo scribed by the child.

Invite the children to line up and walk in a connected line-trunk to tail ó like elephants.

Hide a banana and give photo clues in a sequence for the children to go on a scavenger hunt to locate it.

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