

WEEK: 8**THEME: All Kinds of Animals****LETTER: J**

Circle time: calendar, weather, sing songs, read a book, letter of the week, discussion, and craft

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BOOK	<u>Biggest, Strongest, Fastest</u> by: Steve Jenkins	<u>Is Your Mama a Llama?</u> by: Debora Guarino	<u>Biggest, Strongest, Fastest</u> by: Steve Jenkins	<u>Dot the Fire Dog</u> by: Lisa Desimini	<u>Biggest, Strongest, Fastest</u> by: Steve Jenkins
DISCUSSION	What animals are fast, what animals are slow?	What are the kinds of animals we keep as pets?	Where do different animals live?	How do different animals move around (swim, walk, etc.)	What kind of animals do you see outside your home?
CREATIVE ART	Cut out animal tracks with sponges and use them as stamps with paper and paint.	Create paper plate animals...cut a paper plate into a spiral make a snake or make a turtle using the plate as its shell.	Cut out images of animals from old magazines or newspaper and make a fast/slow, big/small animal collage.	Turn a box into a mystery box. Put different animal toys inside and try to guess what animals they are by how they feel.	Draw animal portraits, maybe of your own pet or if you don't have a pet draw a picture of a pet you'd like to have.

HOW TO REINFORCE THE THEME

Free play: Create an ocean in your tub, bring all the sea animals you have. Play a game called "What Animal Am I", make animal sounds or animal movements and have family members guess what animal you're pretending to be.

Math and Science : If you have a lot of animal toys sort them by size, speed or even what they eat. What animals eat what you eat? When having lunch or dinner talk about the kinds of animals who eat the same food you're eating.

Outdoor time : Imagine there's an animal zoo in your backyard (or inside if you don't have a yard) where you're the zookeeper or a farm and you're the famer, use any toy animals you have. Do a nature scavenger hunt where you collect things that animals use for their homes or things they eat etc.