BRIDGE TO READING
Picture Book Award

WE ALL PLAY
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Other books for a similar themed storytime:
- *You Are a Lion!* by Taeeun Yoo
- *From Head to Toe* by Eric Carle
- *Hop, hop, jump!* by Lauren Thompson
- *Stretch* by Doreen Cronin
- *If You're Happy and You Know It* by Jane Cabrera
- *We're Going On a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen
- *Explorers of the Wild* by Cale Atkinson
- *Who Has Wiggle Waggle Toes* by Vicky Shiefman
- *You Are New* by Lucy Knisley

Recommended Songs & Rhymes

Say Good Day! by Miss Carole from Macaroni Soup
--Use puppets or stuffed animals with this song and add your own verses for extra fun!

Clap Your Hands (Tune of *Row Your Boat*)
Pro Tip--Talk before the song about how you will do each action fast and then slow.

Clap, clap, clap your hands.
Clap your hands with me.
Clap them fast, or clap them slow.
Clap your hands with me.

Repeat with: stomp your feet, bend your knees, wiggle your ears, wave your arms, etc. sit back down

Songs and Rhymes Continued:

The Goldfish by Laurie Berkner
--This is fun to sing with scarves or bean bags while acting out the motions to each verse.

Animals At the Zoo (Tune of *Wheels On the Bus*)
The lions at the zoo say, "Roar, roar, roar.
Roar, roar, roar. Roar, roar, roar."
The lions at the zoo say, "Roar, roar, roar!" All day long.

Repeat with other animals and sounds:
monkeys oo oo – gators snap – snakes hiss

Flannel Board: Where Is Little Bear?

Cut out 5-6 flannel shapes and 1 smaller flannel bear that will fit completely behind the shapes. (Or you can print on paper/cardstock and use velcro on the back to make things stick.)

Talk about the shapes and colors you have on the board and have the kids close their eyes while you hide little bear behind one of the shapes. Ask the kids to help you find bear by using the signs for "where" and "bear" while you say: "Where oh where is little bear? Is he hiding under there?" Hide and repeat as needed.

Craft:
Use your imagination and decorate a mask to look like an animal. You can buy cheap bulk paper masks or make copies of the template on the next page. Tape the mask to yarn/string or use strips from the rest of the page to make a headband. Then you can walk around and act like that animal!

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