

# MOMMY CAMP

SUMMER 2018



**9 WEEKS**

**OF LESSONS FOCUSED ON  
ANIMALS, HABITATS AND MORE!**

**INSIDE**

discussion topics, activities,  
worksheets and lesson plans for a  
summer full of fun and learning!





## How do I use these lessons?

I began Mommy Camp as a fun way to keep my kids learning over the summer as well as a way to give our summertime some structure. As a teacher and definite type A personality, I have gone a little crazy each year and made actual lesson plans with detailed instructions solely for my own use. However, I think my lessons and ideas are pretty great and figured the world might appreciate them. So, I have provided them to you! I am always excited to know that other people find what I am doing interesting and/or useful so, you are encouraged to share your thoughts on my site.

This nine week lesson plan focuses on nine different animals and basic information about each. Each week highlights one of the nine animals with the main goals of discussing the animals diet, habitat and interesting facts while covering basic math, reading and writing. My children are ages 1, 4 and 7 so my lessons include a variety of content that can be used with many ages. So, if something is too advanced or not advanced enough for your child you are welcome to skip it.

Each week has numerous activities categorized by art, sensory, and math & science. There are also recommendations for books, themed snacks and extra activities like movies. I have linked to the original ideas for each activity for you to follow and print necessary materials and have included any documents I have created within this document.

Be sure to explore the links and print any necessary materials from them before beginning the lesson as it will be much easier to have it all ready before you start. You are encouraged to pick and choose activities that fit your family but, ideally you should include at least one from each section each week to ensure a well-rounded lesson. You can also jump around and do the animals at different times. Their order is not important to the overall lessons.

Thank you for visiting and be sure to visit my blog to ask any questions that may arise as well as to follow along on our summer Mommy Camp journey. I'll be posting pictures, videos and tips each week as we complete the lessons.

Good Luck and Thanks,

*Rachel Johnson*

Rachel Johnson, Paint Covered Kids



**Introductory Lesson**

# **HABITATS**

hab-i-tat' - habə,tat/noun  
noun: habitat; plural noun: habitats  
the natural home or environment of an animal,  
plant, or other organism.



# All About ANIMAL HABITATS

MOMMY CAMP INTRODUCTORY LESSON

## Essential Questions

What is a habitat?  
What are the different types?

Planning

To introduce the idea of a habitat, begin by showing [this video](#). You can follow up with [this video](#) if you want.

This introductory unit is not meant to be spread across an entire week. You can spend one day or a few and when you are ready, move on to week one.

Print out all necessary materials and locate items for all activities. These activities can be done in any order you wish. There are many included to give options but you can omit any you dislike or do not have time for.

Activities

### ART

- Create a giant habitat mural like [this one](#) and then leave it up and slowly add the different animals you learn about through the summer.

### SCIENCE & MATH

- [habitat adventure game printable](#)  
- [habitat snatch game](#)

### SENSORY

Use the idea of individual habitat sensory bins [here](#) and [here](#) but instead, create one giant bin with all of the habitats inside. So, create sections within the tub representing each habitat using ideas/materials recommended in the above links.  
- [Habitat sensory bottles](#)

Reading & Writing

- [habitat poster cards](#)  
- [habitats info sheet](#)  
- [habitat sorting mats](#)  
- [what's a habitat activity book](#)  
- [letter match habitat activity](#)  
- [biomes matching sheet](#)  
- [where do animals live sheet](#)

Websites

- [brainpop jr. habitat videos](#)  
- [switchzoo](#) interactive animal habitats  
- [habitat game on BBC](#)  
- [the great habitat matchup](#) by The Magic Schoolbus  
- [draw that habitat](#) at PBS  
- [Storyjumper Interactive Habitats](#) Story  
- [What is a Habitat?](#)  
- [Habitat Song](#)

Books

- [Violet Mackerel's Natural Habitat](#)  
- [The Magic School Bus Hops Home](#)  
- [Welcome Home Bear](#)  
- [No Place Like Home](#)  
- [Who Lives Here?](#)



# All About ANIMAL HABITATS

MOMMY CAMP INTRODUCTORY LESSON

## Lesson Plans

- goals
- procedure
- follow-up

Goals

- Introduce the meaning of "habitat" and the 6 main kinds: Forest, Grassland, Desert, Rainforest, Wetlands, Tundra
- Explore the different habitats with the sensory bin
- Create a mural of the 6 habitats to which we will add animals throughout the summer.
- Complete our study of habitats by reading and interacting with printables, books, websites and videos to enhance our understanding.

Procedure

1. Begin by introducing the idea of a habitat with [this](#) video. Then, for more fun, you can play [this](#) song video.
2. After watching the videos, discuss the word habitat and what it means to ensure the child understands.
3. Kids can then explore the habitats with the sensory bin. (Directions on next page.)
4. After getting comfortable with the different habitats through play you can have your kids practice with the [sorting mats](#) after reading the habitats [info sheet](#) and [poster cards](#). They can also interact with the videos and websites listed on the previous page.
5. Round out the lesson with a few books and the remaining worksheets, games and activities.
6. End the lesson with the mural. I recommend providing some prepared items like leaves, trees, flowers etc printed out for coloring, cutting and pasting. The mural will be put on the wall for the following weeks and you slowly add animals to their habitats.

Notes

You may decide to spread this over a few days or even a week. That's totally ok! I know things get crazy and you are a busy momma.

The mural may take a few days of work. In my experience, kids get bored with big projects like this. Take a break and return to the sensory bin or something else when needed.



# DIY HABITATS SENSORY BIN

MOMMY CAMP INTRODUCTORY LESSON

## You will need:

- Rubbermaid type bin
- corn meal
- raffia
- dried split green peas
- green & blue food coloring
- craft foam (various colors)
- plastic toy trees
- any other misc. items to enhance each habitat
- plastic animals for each habitat
- coffee beans/dried black beans
- rocks, sticks, faux mini trees
- gelatin
- cotton balls
- glass vase filler (blue, clear, green)

1. Decide where each habitat will go and begin to set them up.
2. Use corn meal for the desert. Add rocks and make craft foam cactus and/or pyramids if desired. Add the animals.
3. Use the peas for the forest floor and add elements from nature to enhance.
4. Use the coffee beans/black beans for the rainforest floor. Add plastic trees and craft foam creations to enhance.
5. Use gelatin mixed with water and food coloring to create the wetlands. Add rocks for a barrier to the surrounding habitats and a few sticks for logs. You can also create lily pads with craft foam.
6. Use cotton balls for the tundra. You can add small glass vase fillers in blue and pearl as well.
7. Use the raffia for the savanna. You can add a few trees and a watering hole with craft foam or glass beads.

*Directions*

*Notes*

The kids WILL mess up your neatly arranged habitats. Just go with it. The point is to have fun while learning.

*Habitat Inspiration*



**Week One**

# **GIANT PANDA**

The giant panda, also known as panda bear or simply panda, is a bear native to south central China. It is easily recognized by the large, distinctive black patches around its eyes, over the ears, and across its round body.



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# All About THE GIANT PANDA

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK ONE-

## Essential Questions

Where do they live?  
What do they eat?  
What makes them special?

Planning

To introduce the animal, place panda footprint cutouts (use the ones included) on the floor leading to the area that you will be doing the most activities. Have the space set up with Asian and [panda themed décor](#).

Print out all necessary materials and locate items for all activities. These activities can be done in any order you wish. There are many included to give options but you can omit any you dislike or do not have time for.

Activities

### ART

- [Decorate a Donut](#) - Please, Mr. Panda
- [Mr. Panda Craft](#)
- [How to Make a Playdough Panda](#)
- [Panda Habitat Craft](#)
- [Fork Print Panda](#)
- [Black & White Process Art](#)
- [Chengdu Chalk Art](#)
- How to Draw a Panda
- [Panda Coloring Sheet](#)

### SCIENCE & MATH

- Discuss the panda diet with [this video](#) and then explain digestion using this activity [Understanding Digestion](#)
- [Panda Math Cards](#)
- [Panda Skip Count Puzzle](#)
- [Panda Number Cards](#)
- [Donut Shop Math](#)
- [Feed the Panda Math Game](#)

### SENSORY

- [Panda Sensory Bin](#)
- Panda Footprints
- Panda Hospital Dramatic Play (Printables Included)
- [Panda Mask Printable](#)
- [Pool Noodle Bamboo Blocks](#)
- [Panda Sensory Playdough](#)
- [Panda Cutting Strips](#)
- [Panda Bear Discovery Bottle](#)

Reading & Writing

- [China Facts for Kids](#)
- [All About Baby Pandas](#)
- [Animal Research Report](#)
- [Parts of a Giant Panda](#)
- [Please, Mr. Panda Lesson Worksheets](#)
- [Panda Poem Activity](#)
- [Reading Comprehension](#)
- [Goldiluck & the 3 Bears Book and Activities](#)
- [letter b writing practice](#)
- [habitat tracing sheets](#)

Snacks

- [Noodle Panda](#)
- [Rice Pandas](#)
- [Panda Cupcakes](#)
- [Panda Yogurt](#)
- [Fruit Panda](#)
- [Bagel Berry Panda](#)
- [Panda Marshmallows](#)
- [Panda Pizza](#)

Extras

- [National Geographic Kids Giant Panda Info & Activities](#)
- Kung Fu Panda Films

Books

- [Goldy Luck & the Three Pandas](#)
- [A Perfect Time for Pandas](#) (Magic Treehouse Series)
- [Please, Mr. Panda](#)
- [National Geographic Pandas](#)
- [Dinner at Panda Palace](#)
- [Panda's & Other Endangered Species](#) (Magic Treehouse fact tracker)



# All About THE GIANT PANDA

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK ONE-

## Lesson Plans

- goals
- procedure
- extension ideas

Goals

- Learn where the panda lives and about its habitat.
- Learn about the pandas digestion and why it primarily eats bamboo.
- Practice reading comprehension skills while learning about pandas.
- Practice math skills with panda themed activities.
- Demonstrate knowledge of panda habitats by creating a mini habitat craft.
- Experiment with the colors black and white while creating art.
- Practice cutting skills with cutting strips. (pre-school)
- Practice writing the letter P. (pre-school)

Procedure

1. Begin by introducing the panda as the animal and let them guess its habitat. Then they can color a [panda printable](#) or learn to draw one (directions in following pages) to place on the mural.

2. You can then talk about where pandas live and why. You can also read "[Dinner at Panda Palace](#)" and the "[National Geographic: Pandas](#)" and then complete the [Animal Research Report](#).

3. Now is a good time to get out the [panda sensory bin](#) for a short play break.

4. Once they're done playing, you could start with some of the reading activities or the "[Goldiluck and the Three Bears](#)" book and [activities](#) for older kids and for younger you could read "[Please Mr, Panda](#)" and [design your own doughnuts activity](#). You can also do the [doughnut shop math](#) with the Mr. Panda book activities.

5. There are many more activities that you can do at different times throughout the week. Pick and choose what you want to do and when. The remaining activities do not have to go in any specific order:-----

Notes

You may choose to set up the area where you will be learning to be a dramatic play area. You could decorate it like a Chinese forest with bamboo and paper leaves. If you decide to do this you could also leave panda masks for kids to wear while playing. I find that children really enjoy this and will want to play in the area often.

You can also use this idea as an extension of learning by allowing children to explore the culture of the people that live near pandas, the Chinese. You could add a [Chinese restaurant dramatic play area](#), [learn about China](#), [make fortune cookies](#) and [learn to use chopsticks](#)!



# Bear Prints

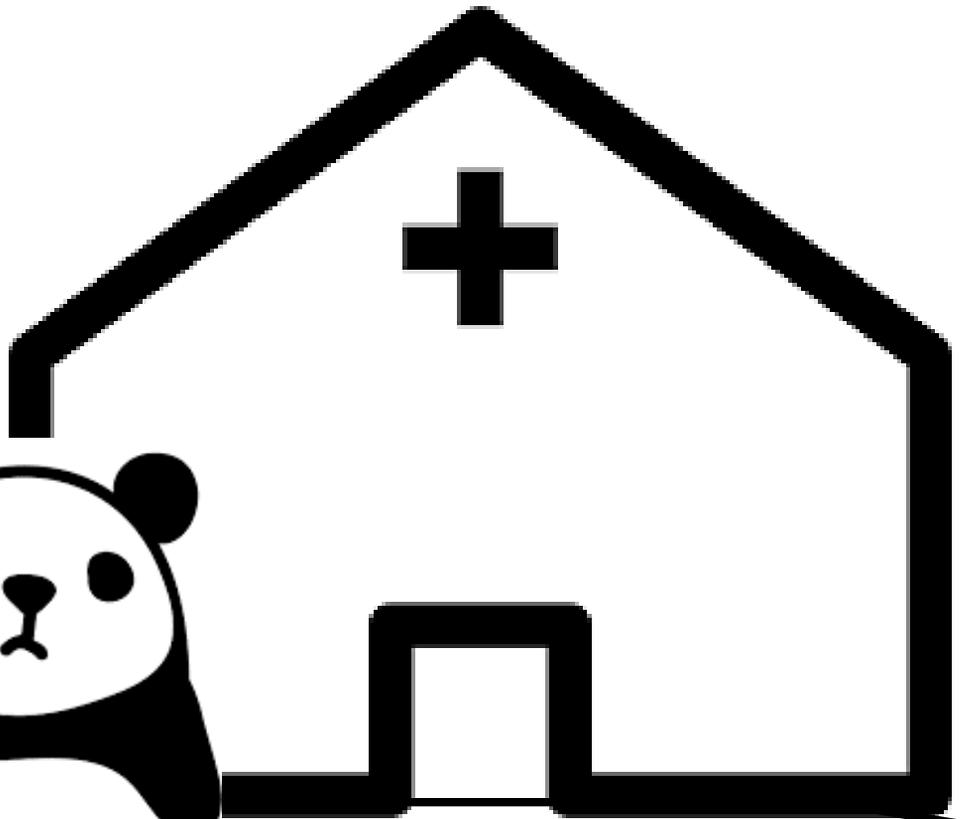
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# PANDA



# HOSPITAL



# PANDA HOSPITAL

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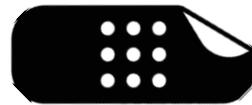
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Notes:



Mark Areas of Concern

## Treatment



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**MEDICINE**

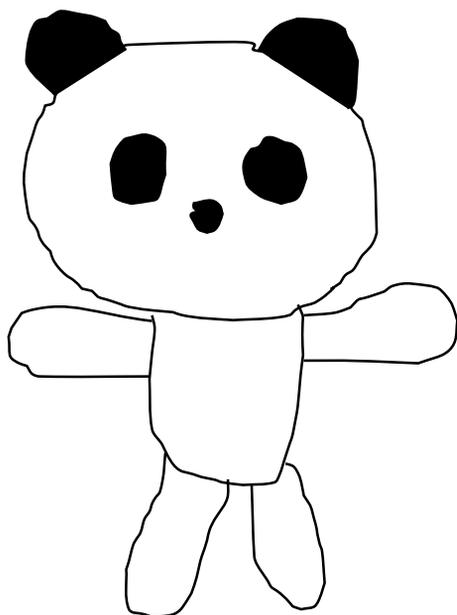
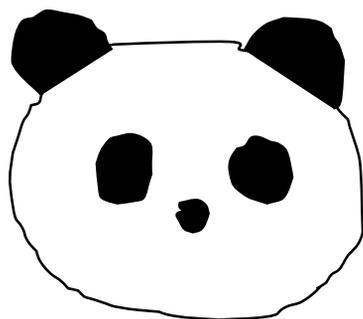
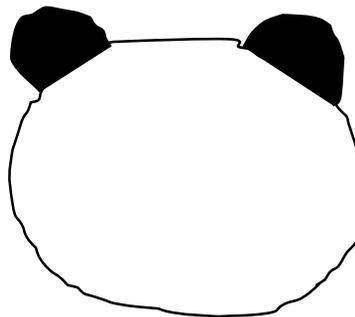
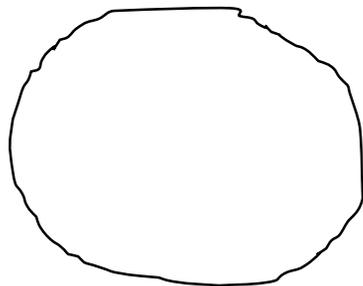


**SHOT**

[PAINTCOVEREDKIDS.COM](http://PAINTCOVEREDKIDS.COM)



# How to Draw a Panda



Week Two

# CHEETAH

The cheetah is a large cat of the subfamily Felinae that occurs in Southern, North and East Africa, and a few localities in Iran.



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# All About THE CHEETAH

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK TWO-

## Essential Questions

Where do they live?  
What do they eat?  
What makes them special?

Planning

To introduce the animal, place cheetah footprint cutouts (use the ones included) on the floor leading to the area that you will be doing the most activities. Have the space set up with African savannah themed decor. You could hang a grass door curtain from a party supplier and create a mural like [this one](#). You could also leave safari hats for them to put on.

Print out all necessary materials and locate items for all activities. These activities can be done in any order you wish. There are many included to give options but you can omit any you dislike or do not have time for.

Activities

### ART

- [Cheetah printable craft](#)
- [cheetah feet and game](#)
- [how to draw a cheetah](#)
- [cheetah mask craft](#)
- [can you find it cheetah coloring sheet](#)
- [cheetah coloring pages](#)
- [savannah silhouette painting](#) but use a cheetah silhouette
- [animal tracks painting](#)
- [tribal necklaces craft](#)
- [safari vest & binoculars](#)

### SCIENCE & MATH

- discuss shapes, [what a kente cloth is and how it is made](#) and then [make our own from paper shapes](#)
- [camouflage activities](#)
- [candy camouflage activity](#)
- [camouflage game](#)
- [camouflage experiment](#)

### SENSORY

- [cheetah mask printable](#)
- African safari worksheet and [animal photos](#)
- [savannah images for flannel or magnetic board](#)
- cheetah races – time kids to see how fast they run and compare it with a cheetah
- [safari games activities](#)

Reading & Writing

- [non-fiction cheetah text and worksheet](#)
- [Animal Research Report](#)
- [about cheetahs coloring sheet and reading](#)
- [safari games info](#)
- [letter c writing practice](#)
- [habitat tracing sheets](#)

Snacks

- [cheetah sandwich](#)
- [cheetah cheesecake](#)

Extras

- [national geographic site, cheetahs](#)
- [cheetah video](#)
- [video about Africa](#)
- [camouflage video](#)

Books

- [The Spider Weaver](#)
- [This is the Tree](#)
- [National Geographic- Cheetahs](#)
- [Where in the Wild](#)
- [We All Went on Safari](#)
- [Lions at Lunchtime](#) (Magic Treehouse Series)



# All About THE CHEETAH

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK TWO

## Lesson Plans

- goals
- procedure
- extension ideas

Goals

- Learn where the cheetah lives and about its habitat.
- Learn about camouflage and how the cheetah uses it.
- Learn about traditional African dress and make a necklace.
- Learn about African kente cloth and practice shapes while creating a craft.
- Demonstrate knowledge of cheetahs and practice reading comprehension.
- Practice writing skills with habitat tracing sheets. (pre-school)
- Practice writing the letter C. (pre-school)

Procedure

1. Begin by introducing the cheetah as the animal and let them guess its habitat. Then they can color a [cheetah printable](#) or [learn to draw one](#) to place on the mural.
2. You can then talk about where cheetahs live and why. You can also read the [National Geographic: Cheetahs](#) book and complete the [animal research report](#).
3. For a brain break, you could have the kids put on their cheetah masks and do the cheetah races and/or let them create the safari vest and binoculars and participate in the safari games.
4. Once they're done playing, you could read a few more books and then do some art from the art section followed by some reading comprehension activities.
5. You can finish each day with a video and free time playing with the dramatic play area.
6. You can also recreate the savanna habitat bin from the habitats lesson and let them have some free play time.

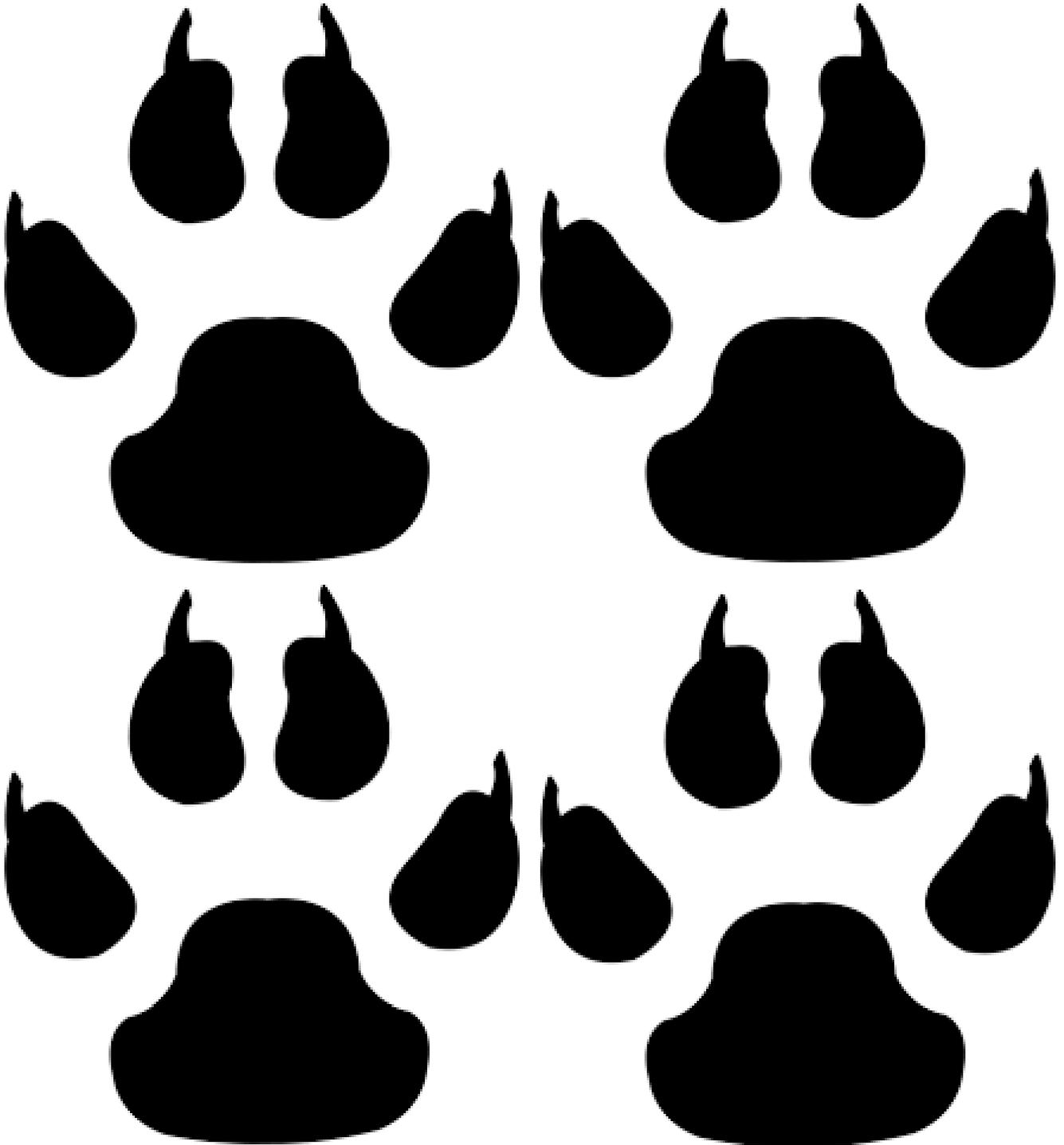
Notes

This week already has a lot of African culture embedded in the activities but, you can always expand that by getting more books from the library and watching more videos. There are many African inspired crafts online like [an African hut](#), [African spirit drum](#), and [an African collar necklace](#) are just a few examples.



# Cat Prints

Print and cut as many as needed and place them on the floor the night before you begin the lessons for your kids to find in the morning!



**Week Three**

# **PENGUIN**

Penguins are a group of aquatic, flightless birds. They live almost exclusively in the Southern Hemisphere, with only one species, the Galapagos penguin, found north of the equator.



**SPHENISCIDAE**

# All About THE PENGUIN

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK THREE

## Essential Questions

Where do they live?  
What do they eat?  
What makes them special?

Planning

To introduce the animal, place penguin footprint cutouts (use the ones included) on the floor leading to the area that you will be doing the most activities. Have the space set as a arctic dramatic play area with [white paper wrapped blocks](#), [a snow shoveling area](#), for building fun and maybe even an [igloo](#)!

Print out all necessary materials and locate items for all activities. These activities can be done in any order you wish. There are many included to give options but you can omit any you dislike or do not have time for.

Activities

### ART

- [handprint and paper penguin craft](#)
- [pom pom penguin](#)
- [handprint penguin family](#)
- [northern lights art](#)
- [different northern lights art](#)
- [winter landscape with northern lights](#)
- [3D penguin craft](#)
- [how to draw a penguin](#)

### SCIENCE & MATH

- [roll a penguin game](#)
- [how do penguins stay dry experiment](#)
- [color by number penguin](#)
- [walk like a penguin experiment](#)
- [penguin blubber experiment](#)
- [ice fishing math game](#)
- [penguin addition worksheet](#)
- [harder color by number penguin](#)
- [penguin counting hundreds](#)
- [penguin number mat](#)
- [feed the penguin game](#)

### SENSORY

- [ice painting](#)
- [snowball fine motor skills activity](#)
- [icicle cutting skills \(in printables\)](#)
- [hot chocolate café and printable](#)
- [iceberg sensory bin](#)
- [indoor ice skating](#)
- [arctic playdough play](#)
- [penguin cutting strips](#)
- [penguin dot a dots](#)

Reading & Writing

- [Penguin facts printable](#)
- [penguin pre-writing cards](#)
- [penguin for a pet writing activity](#)
- [Animal Research Report](#)
- [parts of the penguin worksheet](#)
- [letter p writing practice](#)
- [more letter p practice](#)
- [polar animals magnet/dot marker sheets](#)
- [tundra reading](#)
- [Montessori penguin pak](#) (free but must subscribe)
- [penguin word family sort](#)
- [5 funny penguins book and game](#)
- [habitat tracing sheets](#)

Snacks

- [frozen banana penguin](#)
- [edible igloo](#)
- [penguin bagel](#)
- [jello "ice blocks"](#)
- [penguin sandwich](#)

Extras

- [Elmo's World Penguins Video](#)
- [Amazing Animals Penguins Video](#)
- [What Causes the Northern Lights? Video](#)
- [Mr. Popper's Penguins Film](#)

Books

- [Tacky the Penguin](#)
- [National Geographic Penguins](#)
- [Mr. Popper's Penguins](#)
- [Eve of the Emperor Penguin](#) (Magic Treehouse Series)
- [Penguins & Antarctica](#) (Magic Treehouse fact tracker)



# All About THE PENGUIN

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK THREE

## Lesson Plans

- goals
- procedure
- extension ideas

Goals

- Learn where the penguin lives and about its habitat.
- Learn about how penguins stay dry by participating in an experiment.
- Practice reading comprehension skills while learning about penguins.
- Practice math skills with penguin themed activities.
- Learn about how penguins walk and participate in an activity.
- Experiment with painting on ice and discuss the differences between ice and paper.
- Practice cutting skills with cutting strips. (pre-school)
- Practice writing the letter P. (pre-school)

Procedure

1. Begin by introducing the penguin as the animal and let them guess its habitat. Then they can color a [penguin printable](#) or [learn to draw one](#) to place on the mural.

2. You can then talk about where penguins live and why. You can also read the [National Geographic: Penguins](#) book and complete the [animal research report](#).

3. Now is a good time to get out the [iceberg sensory bin](#) for a short play break. You can follow it up with [ice painting](#).

4. Once they're done playing, you could continue learning about penguins with various activities from the previous sheet.

5. I recommend saving the lesson about the Northern Lights for a different day and to use that as a focus for an entire day. You can [learn about them](#) and create the [art](#).

6. There are many more activities that you can do at different times throughout the week. Pick and choose what you want to do and when. The remaining activities do not have to go in any specific order.

Notes

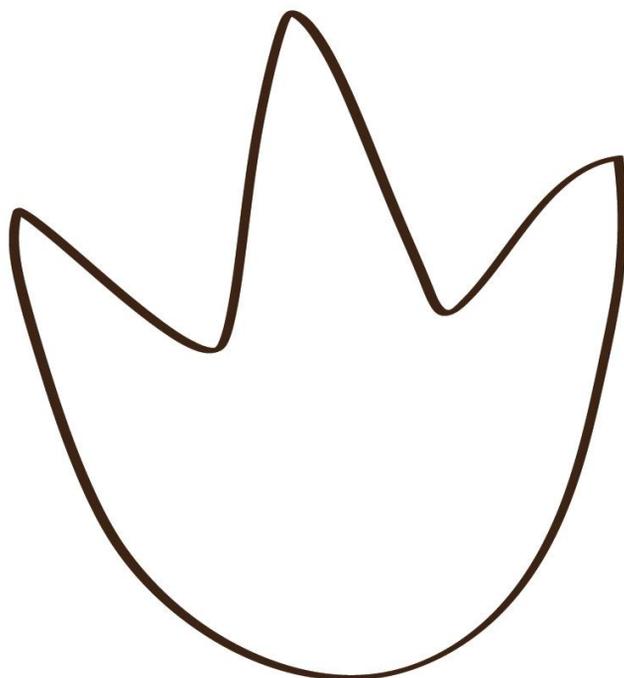
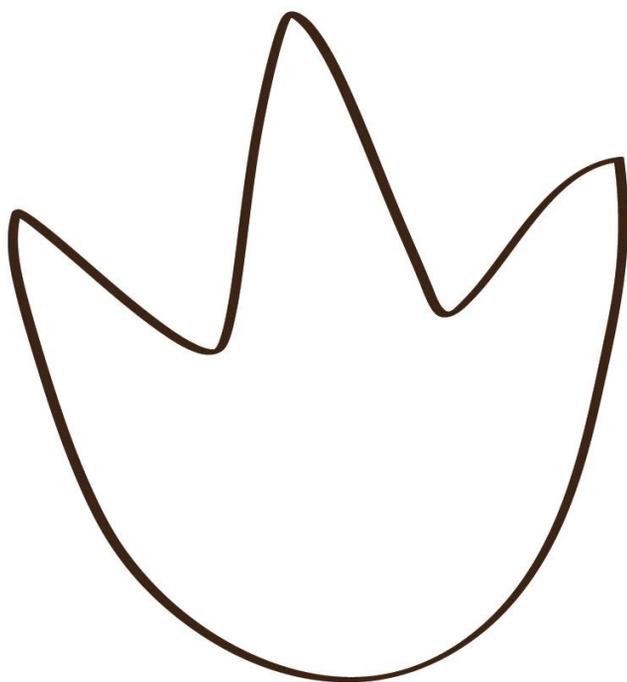
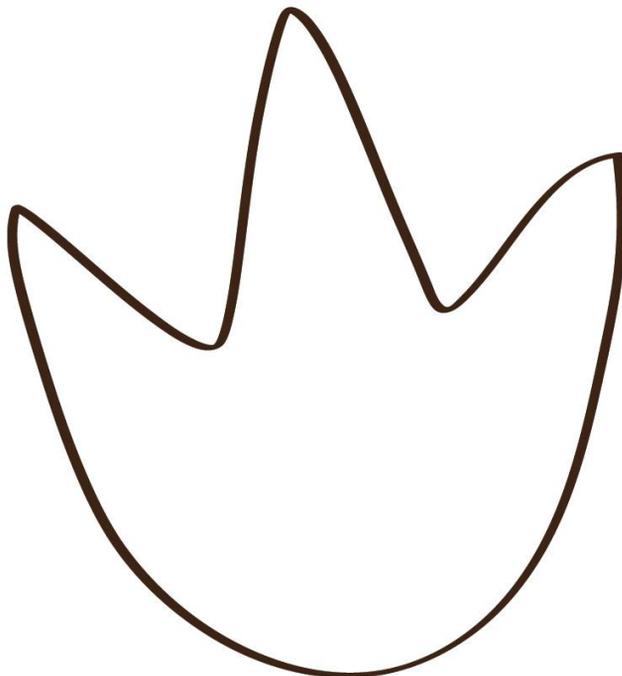
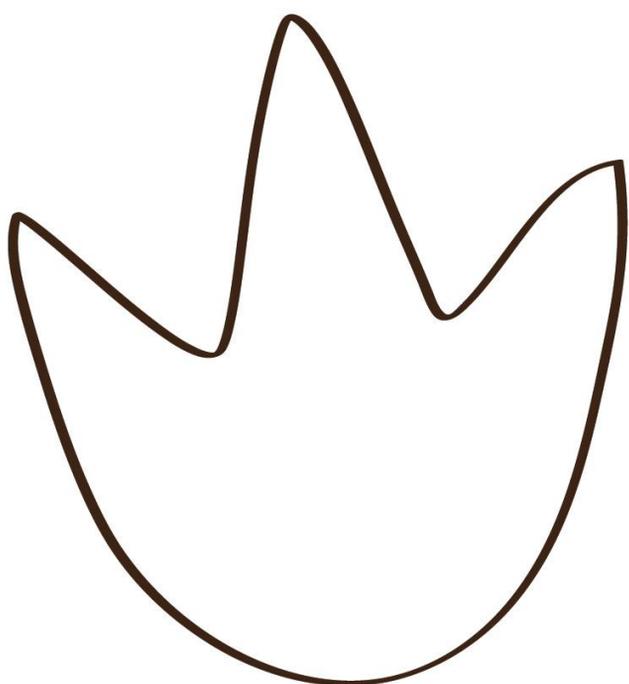
You may choose to set up the area where you will be learning to be a dramatic play area. You could decorate it like an arctic tundra with an igloo, winter attire and icy décor.

You can also use this idea as an extension of learning by allowing children to explore the culture of the people that live near penguins, the Inuits. You could learn about the artwork of Ted Harrison and [create your own art](#) inspired by his work, learn [how to build an igloo](#) and then make your own out of sugar cubes, and can [learn about the people](#). You could also create [inuit snow goggles](#) and learn about their design.



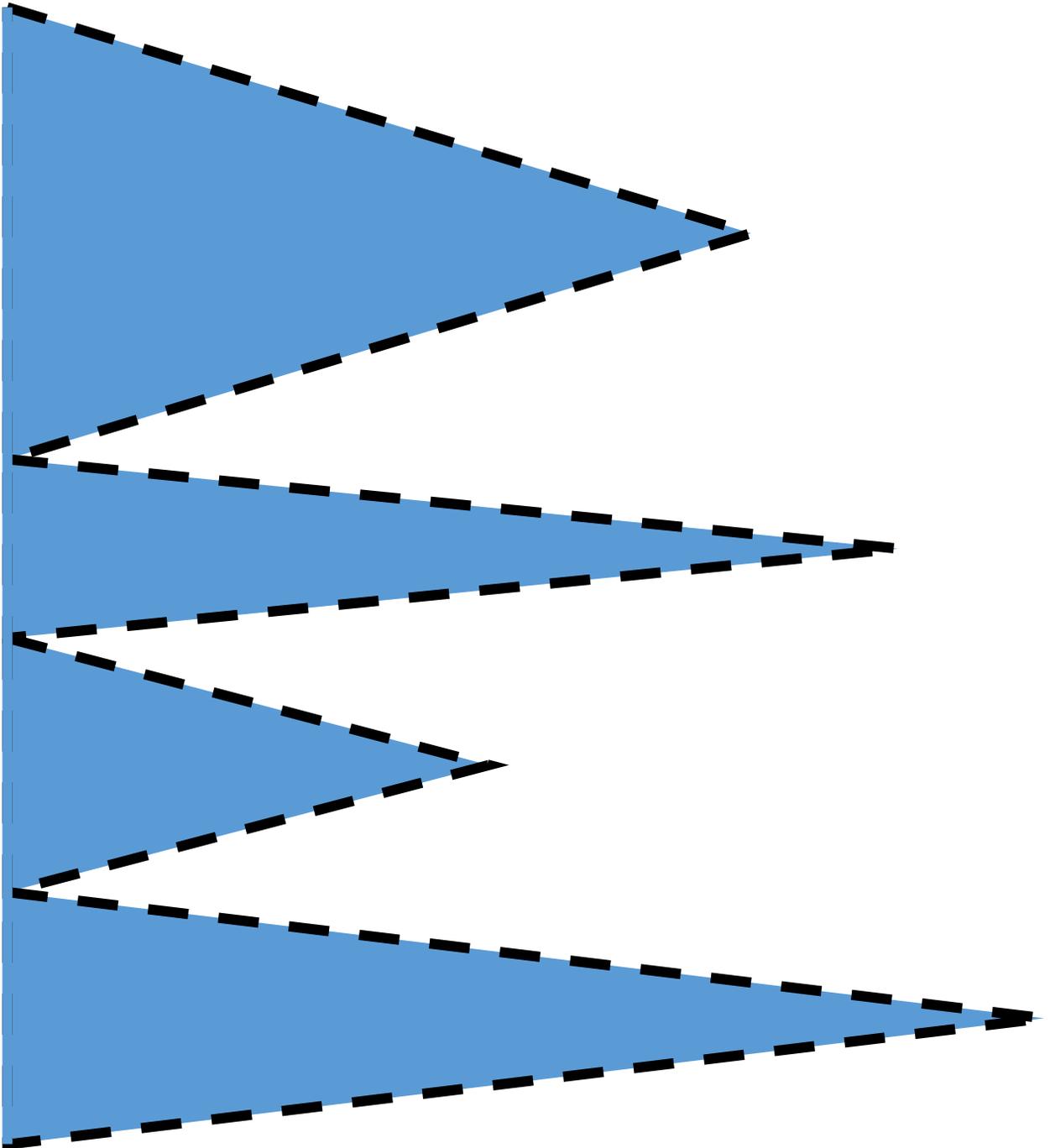
# Penguin Prints

Print and cut as many as needed and place them on the floor the night before you begin the lessons for your kids to find in the morning!



# Icicle Cutting Practice

Give your child practice with their cutting skills. Have them cut along the dashed lines.



Week Four

# ZEBRA

Zebras are several species of African equids united by their distinctive black and white striped coats. Their stripes come in different patterns, unique to each individual. They are generally social animals that live in small harems to large herds.



EQUUS QUAGGA

# All About THE ZEBRA

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK FOUR

## Essential Questions

Where do they live?  
What do they eat?  
What makes them special?

### Planning

To introduce the animal, place zebra footprint cutouts (use the ones included) on the floor leading to the area that you will be doing the most activities. Have the space set up with [a zebra banner](#) and Africa themed décor. (use the same stuff from the cheetah week.

Print out all necessary materials and locate items for all activities. These activities can be done in any order you wish. There are many included to give options but you can omit any you dislike or do not have time for.

### Activities

#### ART

- [paper plate zebra mask](#)
- [zebra coloring sheet](#)
- [how to draw a zebra](#)
- [z is for zebra line painting sheet](#)
- [zebra box painting](#)
- [zebra lines collage painting](#)
- [zebra face painting](#)
- [color patterns activity](#)

#### SCIENCE & MATH

- [Color me hot Science experiment](#)
- [African animal puzzles](#)
- [zebra addition dice game](#)

#### SENSORY

- [zebra slime](#)
- [z magnet/do a dot pages](#)
- [zebra song](#)
- [zebra fact cards](#)
- [safari games activities savannah images for flannel or magnetic board](#)
- [savanna sensory bin](#)
- [in the tall, tall grass activity](#)
- [zig zag zebra playdough mat](#)

### Reading & Writing

- [letter z worksheet pack](#)
- [letter z worksheet pack 2](#)
- [zebra lapbook](#)
- [Animal Research Report](#)
- [habitat tracing sheets](#)

### Snacks

- [zebra popcorn](#)
- [zebra cakes](#)
- [zebra pancakes](#)
- [zebra sandwich](#)

### Extras

- [why do zebras have stripes - video](#)

### Books

- [On Beyond Zebra](#)
- [The Zebra's Stripes](#)
- [How the Zebra got its Stripes](#)
- [Zed the Zebra](#)



# All About THE ZEBRA

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK FOUR

## Lesson Plans

- goals
- procedure
- extension ideas

Goals

- Learn where the zebra lives and about its habitat.
- Learn about how zebras stay cool using their stripes with an experiment.
- Practice reading comprehension skills while learning about zebras.
- Practice math skills with zebra themed activities.
- Learn about color patterns by creating a pattern for zebra stripes.
- Practice writing the letter Z. (pre-school)

Procedure

1. Begin by introducing the zebra as the animal and let them guess its habitat. Then they can color [zebra printable](#) or [learn to draw one](#) to place on the mural.
2. You can then talk about where zebras live and why. You can also read a book and/or watch a video about zebras and complete the [animal research report](#).
3. Now is a good time to get out the [zebra slime](#) for a short play break. You can follow it up with the [zebra song](#).
4. Once they're done playing, you could continue learning about zebras with various activities from the previous sheet.
5. There are many more activities that you can do at different times throughout the week. Pick and choose what you want to do and when. The remaining activities do not have to go in any specific order.

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You may choose to set up the area where you will be learning to be a dramatic play area. You could recycle the decorations you used for the cheetah week.

You can also use this opportunity to learn more about Africa if you did not get to do so before during cheetah week.

Notes



# Zebra Prints

Print and cut as many as needed and place them on the floor the night before you begin the lessons for your kids to find in the morning!



**Week Five**

# **TURTLE**

Turtles are reptiles of the order Testudines characterized by a special bony or cartilaginous shell developed from their ribs and acting as a shield. "Turtle" may refer to the order as a whole or to fresh-water and sea-dwelling testudines.



**TESTUDINES**

# All About THE TURTLE

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK FIVE

## Essential Questions

Where do they live?  
What do they eat?  
What makes them special?

Planning

To introduce the animal, place turtle footprint cutouts (use the ones included) on the floor leading to the area that you will be doing the most activities. Have the space set up with [ocean](#) and [turtle themed décor](#).

Print out all necessary materials and locate items for all activities. These activities can be done in any order you wish. There are many included to give options but you can omit any you dislike or do not have time for.

Activities

### ART

- [sticky turtle collage](#)
- [sea turtle collage](#)
- [egg carton turtle](#)
- [glueless printable turtle](#)
- [turtle shell prints](#)
- [clay turtle](#)
- [turtle coloring sheet](#)
- [tin foil turtle](#)
- [how to draw a turtle](#)
- [floating bottle cap turtles](#)

### SCIENCE & MATH

- [life cycle of a sea turtle printable](#)
- [roll a turtle](#)
- [turtle race board game](#)
- [turtle balancing game](#)
- [turtle stacking game](#)

### SENSORY

- [sea turtle sensory bin](#)
- [turtle cutting strips](#)
- [turtle do a dot page](#)
- [turtle puzzle](#)
- [sea turtle life cycle play](#)
- [ocean sensory play and ice melt](#)
- [sand foam](#)

Reading & Writing

- [letter hunt worksheet "t"](#)
- [a-z handwriting wksts "t"](#)
- [snappy the syllable turtle game](#)
- [turtle culture card](#)
- [abc turtle](#)
- [Montessori turtle pack](#) (free but must subscribe)
- [sea turtle printable packs](#)
- [turtle emergent readers](#)
- [turtle reading comprehension](#)
- [turtle life cycle cards](#)
- [parts of a turtle cards](#)
- [Animal Research Report](#)
- [habitat tracing sheets](#)

Snacks

- [apple and grape turtle](#)
- [turtle lunch plate](#)
- [easy turtle breakfast cookies](#)
- [matcha milkbread turtle](#)
- [turtle cupcakes](#)

Extras

- [Sea Turtles Video](#)
- [Turtle: The Incredible Journey Movie](#)

Books

- [The Rabbit and the Turtle](#)
- [Turtle in Paradise](#) (not acutally about turtles but I thought my daughter would enjoy it.)
- [Yertle the Turtle](#)
- [One Tiny Turtle](#)
- [Dolphins at Daybreak](#) (Magic Treehouse Series)



# All About THE TURTLE

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK FIVE

## Lesson Plans

- goals
- procedure
- extension ideas

Goals

- Learn where the turtle lives and about its habitat.
- Learn about how the life cycle of a turtle.
- Practice reading comprehension skills while learning about turtles.
- Practice math skills with turtle themed activities.
- Learn about color patterns by creating a pattern for zebra stripes.
- Practice writing the letter T. (pre-school)
- Practice cutting skills with cutting strips. (pre-school)

Procedure

1. Begin by introducing the turtle as the animal and let them guess its habitat. Then they can color [turtle printable](#) or [learn to draw one](#) to place on the mural.

2. You can then talk about where turtles live and why. You can also read a book and/or watch a video about turtles and complete the [animal research report](#).

3. Now is a good time to get out the [sea turtle sensory bin](#) for a short play break. You can follow it up with another book or some art.

4. I would devote an entire day to the life cycle of the turtle. There is a [movie](#), [sensory activity](#), [science activity](#) and [worksheet](#) that all go together.

5. There are many more activities that you can do at different times throughout the week. Pick and choose what you want to do and when. The remaining activities do not have to go in any specific order.

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You may choose to set up the area where you will be learning to be a dramatic play area. You could create an ocean/beach themed area with an under the sea space.

Notes

You can also use this opportunity to learn more about the ocean. You could teach them about [other animals of the ocean](#) and play [this fun card game](#). You could also teach about [ocean currents](#) and then do this fun [experiment/sensory bin](#). You could also teach them about [how fish breathe](#) and then do [this fun experiment](#).

There are TONS of ocean themed ideas on Pinterest that you could add! Just go search if you're interested.



# Turtle Prints

Print and cut as many as needed and place them on the floor the night before you begin the lessons for your kids to find in the morning!



**Week Six**

# **GORILLA**

Gorillas are ground-dwelling, predominantly herbivorous apes that inhabit the forests of central Sub-Saharan Africa. The genus *Gorilla* is divided into two species: the eastern gorillas and the western gorillas, and either four or five subspecies.



**GORILLA**

# All About THE GORILLA

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK SIX

## Essential Questions

Where do they live?  
What do they eat?  
What makes them special?

### Planning

To introduce the animal, place gorilla footprint cutouts (use the ones included) on the floor leading to the area that you will be doing the most activities. Have the space set up with [rainforest themed décor](#).

Print out all necessary materials and locate items for all activities. These activities can be done in any order you wish. There are many included to give options but you can omit any you dislike or do not have time for.

### Activities

#### ART

- [Gorilla printable craft](#)
- [Gorilla mask printable](#)
- [how to draw a gorilla](#)
- [zoo eyes matching and art](#)
- [key process art](#) (used with goodnight gorilla)
- [gorilla coloring page](#)
- [handprint gorilla](#)
- [gorilla coloring sheet](#)

#### SCIENCE & MATH

- [Gorilla vs. My handprint](#)
- [Goofy Gorilla Addition Game](#)
- [Graphing with Gorillas](#)
- [Rainforest layers coloring sheet](#)
- [Rainforest in a Jar](#)

#### SENSORY

- [jungle playdough](#)
- [zoo animal rescue](#)
- [g is for green goo](#)
- [rainforest sensory bin](#)
- [small motor practice with locks](#) (goodnight gorilla)

### Reading & Writing

- [G for Gorilla printables](#)
- [G tracing Sheet](#)
- [Gorilla Writing Prompt](#)
- [KoKo Gorilla Reading Comprehension](#)
- [Good Morning Gorillas Book Study Worksheets](#)
- [Animal Research Report](#)
- [Habitat Tracing Sheets](#)
- [Rainforest Biome facts](#)
- [g is for gorilla printables 2](#)
- [g is for gorilla magnet/do a dot](#)

### Snacks

- [Crunchy Gorilla Snack](#)
- [gorilla/monkey toast](#)
- [gorilla/monkey cupcakes](#)
- [gorilla bread](#)

### Extras

- [Gorilla Fun Facts Video](#)
- [Gorilla Amazing Animals](#)
- [Magic School bus in the Rainforest](#)
- [Goodnight Gorilla](#)

### Books

- [Gorilla be Good](#)
- [Good Morning Gorillas](#) (Magic Treehouse Book)
- [Good Night Gorilla](#)
- [The One and Only Ivan](#)
- [Murilla Gorilla, Jungle Detective](#)



# All About THE GORILLA

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK SIX

## Lesson Plans

- goals
- procedure
- extension ideas

Goals

- Learn where the gorilla lives and about its habitat.
- Learn about the layers of the rainforest.
- Practice reading comprehension skills while learning about gorillas.
- Practice math skills with gorilla themed activities.
- Participate in various activities based on the book "Good Night, Gorilla".
- Practice writing the letter G. (pre-school)
- Enhance understanding of the rainforest habitat by reading and participating in various activities.

Procedure

1. Begin by introducing the gorilla as the animal and let them guess its habitat. Then they can color [gorilla printable](#) or [learn to draw one](#) to place on the mural.

2. You can then talk about where gorillas live and why. You can also read a book and/or watch a video about gorillas and complete the [animal research report](#).

3. Now is a good time to get out the [rainforest sensory bin](#) for a short play break. You can follow it up with another book or some art.

4. I would devote an entire day to the book, "Good Night, Gorilla". Read the book. Then do the [zoo eyes matching and art](#). After that, you can watch the short [movie](#) version of the book and finish up with the [zoo animal rescue](#) activity.

5. There are many more activities that you can do at different times throughout the week. Pick and choose what you want to do and when. The remaining activities do not have to go in any specific order.

You may choose to set up the area where you will be learning to be a dramatic play area. You could create a jungle/rainforest area using streamers and fake plants.

You can also use this opportunity to learn more about the rainforest. You take them on a virtual tour of the rainforest with this [video](#) and read this fun [printable book](#). There's also this [pack](#) of stuff all about the rainforest. You can also let them complete this cute [flipbook](#) about rainforest animals.

Notes

There are TONS of rainforest themed ideas on Pinterest that you could add! Just go search if you're interested.



# Gorilla Prints

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Week Seven

# CROCODILE

Crocodiles or true crocodiles are large aquatic reptiles that live throughout the tropics in Africa, Asia, the Americas and Australia. *Crocodylinae*, all of whose members are considered true crocodiles, is classified as a biological subfamily.



CROCODYLINAE

# All About THE CROCODILE

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK SEVEN

## Essential Questions

Where do they live?  
What do they eat?  
What makes them special?

Planning

To introduce the animal, place crocodile footprint cutouts (use the ones included) on the floor leading to the area that you will be doing the most activities. Have the space set up with [swamp/camping theme](#) and/or crocodile themed décor .

Print out all necessary materials and locate items for all activities. These activities can be done in any order you wish. There are many included to give options but you can omit any you dislike or do not have time for.

Activities

### ART

- [crocodile paper plate](#)
- [crocodile collage art](#)
- [paper crocodile](#)
- [crocodile accordion craft](#)
- [bubble wrap crocodile](#)
- [how to draw a crocodile](#)
- [how to clay crocodile](#)
- [crocodile dot marker](#)
- [crocodile coloring page](#)

### SCIENCE & MATH

- [Crocodile Chomp Game](#)
- [Greater Than Crocodiles](#)
- [Salt Water vs. Fresh Water science experiment](#)
- [crocodile math sequence puzzle](#)
- [prek crocodile math](#)
- [alligators \(they look like crocs\) and balloons math game](#)

### SENSORY

- [crocodile teeth playdough mat](#)
- [soapy swamp sensory bin](#)
- [gelatin swamp sensory bin](#)
- [swamp dough](#)

Reading & Writing

- [habitat tracing sheets](#)
- [Animal Research Report](#)
- [crocodile snap game](#)
- [Lyle Crocodile Wksts](#)
- [C is for Crocodile tracing](#)
- [The Selfish Crocodile Printable Pack](#)
- [Crocodile Down By the Lake Word Game](#)
- [Uppercase/Lowercase Letter Match](#)
- [Alligator Word Sort](#)

Snacks

- [kiwi crocodile](#)
- [crocodile snack](#)
- [crocodile pie](#)
- [crocodile strawberry](#)

Extras

- [Crocodile - Amazing Animals Video](#)
- [The Enormous Crocodile Short Film](#)
- [Crocodile vs. Alligator](#)

Books

- [The Enormous Crocodile](#)
- [Lyle, Lyle Crocodile](#)
- [How to Outrun a Crocodile When your Shoes are Untied](#)
- [The Selfish Crocodile](#)



# All About THE CROCODILE

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK SEVEN

## Lesson Plans

- goals
- procedure
- extension ideas

Goals

- Learn where the crocodile lives and about its habitat.
- Learn about differences between salt water and fresh water.
- Practice reading comprehension skills while learning about crocodiles.
- Practice math skills with crocodile themed activities.
- Participate in various activities based on the book "Lyle, Lyle Crocodile".
- Practice writing the letter C. (pre-school)
- Understand the difference between crocodiles and alligators.

Procedure

1. Begin by introducing the crocodile as the animal and let them guess its habitat. Then they can color [crocodile coloring page](#) or [learn to draw one](#) to place on the mural.
2. You can then talk about where crocodiles live and why. You can also read a book and/or watch a video about gorillas and complete the [animal research report](#).
3. Now is a good time to get out the [soapy swamp sensory bin](#) for a short play break. You can follow it up with another book or some art.
4. I would devote an entire day to the book, "The Selfish Crocodile". Read the book. Then do some of the worksheets and activities in the [Selfish Crocodile Printable Pack](#).
5. There are many more activities that you can do at different times throughout the week. Pick and choose what you want to do and when. The remaining activities do not have to go in any specific order.

Notes

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You may choose to set up the area where you will be learning to be a dramatic play area. You could create a swamp area using streamers and fake plants.

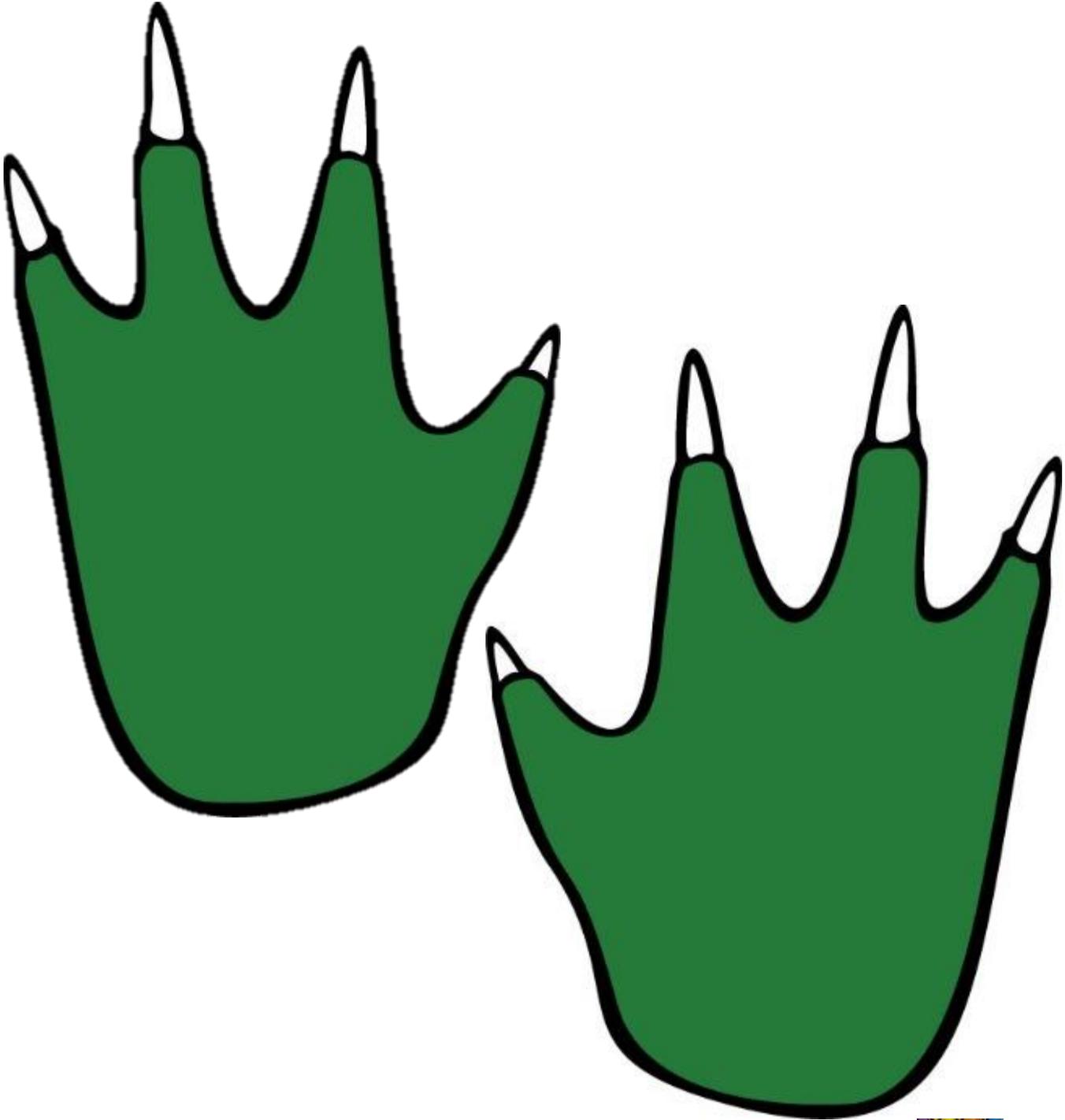
You can also use this opportunity to learn more about alligators. You can read "There's an Alligator Under my Bed" and then do [this](#) activity. There's also [this](#) lesson plan you could use. You could also let them [label the parts](#) of the alligator and let them watch [this](#) video about alligators.

There are TONS of alligator themed ideas on Pinterest that you could add! Just go search if you're interested.



# Crocodile Prints

Print and cut as many as needed and place them on the floor the night before you begin the lessons for your kids to find in the morning!



Week Eight

# CAMEL

A camel is an even-toed ungulate in the genus *Camelus* that bears distinctive fatty deposits known as "humps" on its back. There are three surviving species of camel: the one-humped dromedary, and the two-humped Bactrian and wild Bactrian species.



CAMELUS

# All About THE CAMEL

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK EIGHT

## Essential Questions

Where do they live?  
What do they eat?  
What makes them special?

Planning

To introduce the animal, place camel footprint cutouts (use the ones included) on the floor leading to the area that you will be doing the most activities. Have the space set up with camel and [Egypt themed décor](#).

Print out all necessary materials and locate items for all activities. These activities can be done in any order you wish. There are many included to give options but you can omit any you dislike or do not have time for.

Activities

### ART

- [Egyptian Headbands](#)
- [Egyptian Bracelets](#)
- [Egyptian Collar](#) or [other Collar](#)
- [Egypt Coloring Page](#)
- [Draw a Camel](#)
- [Torn Paper Camel Craft](#)
- [Camel Handprint](#)
- [Printable Camel Craft](#)
- [Camel Fold-in Craft](#)
- [Camel Coloring Sheet](#)

### SCIENCE & MATH

- [Color by Sum Desert Sheet](#)
- [Camel Math and Info](#)
- [build a pyramid](#)
- [number pyramid](#)
- [Camel Steam Racing](#)
- [Alice the Camel Math Song](#) and [Video](#)
- [Counting Camels Cards](#)

### SENSORY

- [Magic Carpet Play](#)
- [Desert Sensory Bin](#)
- [Desert Animal Sand Playdough](#)

Reading & Writing

- [habitat tracing sheets](#)
- [Animal Research Report](#)
- [C is for Camel wkst](#)
- [Camel Reading Comprehension Wkst](#)

Snacks

- [Peanut Butter Camel](#)
- [Crescent Roll Mummy Dogs](#)
- [Pyramid Cheese & Crackers](#)

Extras

- [How the camel got it's hump digital book](#)
- [How the camel got it's hump pre-k game](#)
- Show Aladdin
- Story Bots, [Walk like a Camel Video](#)
- [Camel Facts Video](#)
- [About the Hump Video](#)
- [The Pyramids Video](#)

Books

- [The Wooden Camel](#)
- [Is a Camel a Mammal?](#)
- [Seasons of Sandstorms](#) (Magic Treehouse Series)
- [Ancient Egypt](#)



# All About THE CAMEL

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK EIGHT

## Lesson Plans

- goals
- procedure
- extension ideas

Goals

- Learn where the camel lives and about its habitat.
- Learn why the camel has a hump.
- Practice reading comprehension skills while learning about camels.
- Practice math skills with camel themed activities.
- Learn about Ancient Egyptians.
- Practice writing the letter C. (pre-school)
- Learn about pyramids.

Procedure

1. Begin by introducing the camel as the animal and let them guess its habitat. Then they can color [camel coloring sheet](#) or [learn to draw one](#) to place on the mural.

2. You can then talk about where camels live and why. You can also read a book and/or watch a video about camels and complete the [animal research report](#).

3. Now is a good time to get out the [Desert Animal Sand Playdough](#) for a short play break. You can follow it up with another book or some art.

4. I would devote an entire day to learning about the Egyptian pyramids. You can start with a [video](#) about the pyramids. Then you can [build a pyramid](#) and do the [number pyramid](#) activity. You can finish up with the Egyptian [bracelet](#), [headband](#) and [collar](#).

5. There are many more activities that you can do at different times throughout the week. Pick and choose what you want to do and when. The remaining activities do not have to go in any specific order.

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You may choose to set up the area where you will be learning to be a dramatic play area. You could create a desert/Egyptian area using cardboard boxes stacked to make a pyramid.

Notes

You can also use this opportunity to learn more about ancient Egypt. There are TONS of Egypt themed ideas on Pinterest that you could add! Just go search if you're interested.



# Camel Prints

Print and cut as many as needed and place them on the floor the night before you begin the lessons for your kids to find in the morning!



**Week Nine**

# **GRAY WOLF**

The gray wolf, also known as the timber wolf or western wolf, is a canine native to the wilderness and remote areas of Eurasia and North America. It is the largest extant member of its family, with males averaging 43-45 kg and females 36-38.5 kg.



**CANIS LUPUS**

# All About THE GRAY WOLF

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK NINE

## Essential Questions

Where do they live?  
What do they eat?  
What makes them special?

Planning

To introduce the animal, place wolf footprint cutouts (use the ones included) on the floor leading to the area that you will be doing the most activities. Have the space set up with wolf and [forest/camping](#) themed décor .

Print out all necessary materials and locate items for all activities. These activities can be done in any order you wish. There are many included to give options but you can omit any you dislike or do not have time for.

Activities

### ART

- [Printable Wolf Mask](#)
- [Pig snout craft](#)
- [how to draw a wolf](#)
- [how to draw a pig](#)
- [wolf silhouette art](#)
- [wolf coloring sheet](#)

### SCIENCE & MATH

- [Big Bad Challenge](#)
- [Gray Wolves WebQuest](#)
- [Will a dog prefer homemade dog food?](#)
- [Pig math](#)
- [Wolfie, Wolfie Math Game](#)
- [Little Red Riding hood Ten frame practice](#)
- [Wolf Science](#) Exploring the sense of smell

### SENSORY

- [Yarn Wolf Ears & Tail](#)
- [Little Red Riding Hood Puzzle](#)
- [Woodland Forest Small World Play](#)

Reading & Writing

- [habitat tracing sheets](#)
- [Animal Research Report](#)
- [The Dog and The Wolf Reading](#)
- [The Three Little Pigs Digital Story](#)
- [The Boy who Cried Wolf Reading Comprehension](#)
- [Wolves Reading Comprehension Wkst](#)
- [Wolf Fact Cards](#)
- [3 Little Pigs Printables](#)

Snacks

- [wolf toast](#)
- [wolf paw cookies](#)
- [campfire snack](#)
- [piggie bread](#)
- [wolf pancake](#)

Extras

- [National Geographic Wolves Video](#)
- [Meet the Animals: Gray Wolf Video](#)
- [National Geographic: Wolves & How to Save Them](#)

Books

- [The True Story of the Three Little Pigs](#)
- [National Geographic Kids: Wolves](#)
- [Winter of the Ice Wizard](#) (Magic Treehouse Series)
- [The Three Little Wolves & the Big, Bad Pig](#)
- [From Wolf to Woof: The story of dogs](#)



# All About THE GRAY WOLF

-MOMMY CAMP WEEK NINE

## Lesson Plans

- goals
- procedure
- extension ideas

Goals

- Learn where the gray wolf lives and about its habitat.
- Learn about the sense of smell.
- Practice reading comprehension skills while learning about wolves.
- Practice math skills with wolf themed activities.
- Participate in multiple activities about the classic tale of The Three Little Pigs.
- Practice writing the letter W. (pre-school)
- Conduct an experiment to see if your dog prefers homemade dog food or pre-prepared.

Procedure

1. Begin by introducing the gray wolf as the animal and let them guess its habitat. Then they can color [wolf coloring sheet](#) or [learn to draw one](#) to place on the mural.

2. You can then talk about where wolves live and why. You can also read a book and/or watch a video about wolves and complete the [animal research report](#).

3. Now is a good time to get out the [Woodland Forest Small World Play](#) for a short play break. You can follow it up with another book or some art.

4. I would devote an entire day to activities about the Three Little Pigs. You can start one of the books, possibly [The Three Little Wolves & the Big, Bad Pig](#). Then you can do the [Big Bad Challenge](#) activity and [Pig math](#). You could finish the day with some dramatic play fun with the [Yarn Wolf Ears & Tail](#) and [Printable Wolf Mask](#) and [Pig snout craft](#).

5. There are many more activities that you can do at different times throughout the week. Pick and choose what you want to do and when. The remaining activities do not have to go in any specific order.

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You may choose to set up the area where you will be learning to be a dramatic play area. You could create a forest area using cardboard trees, a kid tent and fake fire.

Notes

You can also use this opportunity to learn more about forest animals and the forest. They could watch this [video](#) about the animals of the forest. You can use [this](#) forest animals pack or [this](#) mini unit. You could also have them do [this](#) flipbook activity. You could finish up with [this cute craft](#) and some [leaf rubbing art](#) and end with an evening of camping!



# Wolf Prints

Print and cut as many as needed and place them on the floor the night before you begin the lessons for your kids to find in the morning!





I hope you found this year's summer mommy camp to be fun and educational. You are more than welcome to visit my blog to add your own experiences and modifications to each week on my posts. You can also follow along with our summer and see my spin on all of the materials I've included.

You can always reach me on the blog through the contact page for any questions and I will try my best to be helpful!

Thanks for visiting,

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