

Animal Wiggle Dance

Objectives: The children will learn ways in which animals may move.
The children will learn new ways to exercise.

Materials: *Wiggle*, plenty of space, masking tape, music and player (optional)

Vocabulary: move, gorilla, crocodile, snake,

Procedure:

Before the children arrive:

1. Tape a large circle on the floor- as large as the room will allow.
2. Set up the music and player.

After the children arrive:

1. Read *Wiggle* aloud.
2. Turn to the pages with animals.
3. Ask the children how they think those animals move?
4. Have the children pick a spot on the circle to stand.
5. Turn on the music at a volume you can speak over.
6. Ask the children to begin walking on the circle.
7. Next ask them to walk like the gorilla in the book (demonstrate if need be).
8. Ask them to move like the crocodile, the fish, bees, polar bears, snake, and chick.
9. Ask the children for names of other animals to imitate.
10. Lastly, have the children walk like boys and girls.
11. Stop the music and ask the children to sit back down.

Extension:

Have the children draw or write about ways in which animals move.