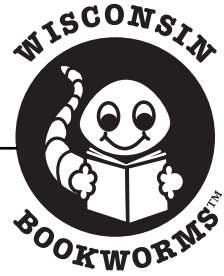


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Activity Sheet



Naughty Little Monkeys

By Jim Aylesworth, Illustrated by Henry Cole

While human parents are away, their 26 monkey children will play. *Naughty Little Monkeys* tells in rhyming verse about the alphabetical mischief starting with Andy's paper airplanes and going all the way to Yate's yo-yos and ending with a trip to the zoo.

Before you read this book: Open it to see the spread of the front and back cover. Count all the monkeys on the spread. The reader should have an ABC chart available. Count the letters on the chart with the children. After counting the letters, tell the children there are 26 letters and 26 monkeys. Say the ABCs using one-to-one correspondence while pointing to a monkey as each letter is said.

While you read this book: Point out the monkeys' names on their pajamas. Have the children say the first letter of each monkey's name and check to see it matches the blocked letter on the page.

After you read this book: The children will describe a banana while using their senses of smell, touch, vision and taste. For each child: banana, bowl, fork, toppings (peanut butter, yogurt, nuts)

Ask the children:

"What foods do monkeys like to eat?"

"What does a banana look like?"

"Where do bananas come from?" (trees, warm places)

"What does a banana feel like?" (Discuss the differences between the peel and the fruit inside.)

"What does a banana smell like?" (Smell the peel and the fruit, and describe differences or similarities.)

"Is a banana hard or soft?" (Children respond before mashing their bananas with the fork and again after they mash their bananas.)

"What does a banana taste like?" (Describe the flavor, add toppings and eat.)

More books:

Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

Baby Chimpanzee by Patricia Pingry

Busy Monkeys by John Schindel

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