At the Zoo!

The zoo presents a great opportunity to introduce your child to new words and sounds. As you visit the animals, tell your child their names. Together, try vocalizing the unique noises that you hear them make.

• At home or on the go, practice making animal sounds with your baby.
• Sing “Going to the Zoo” by Raffi. Check out his CD “Singable Songs for the Very Young” from the Library, or listen at youtube.com/watch?v=yCkQxaP3mME
• Read one of the Library’s many books in the “ZooBorns” series by Andrew Blieman.
• Play at being an animal, real or imaginary.
• Write Z O O on your child’s hand with your finger while spelling and saying the word “zoo.” At the zoo, you can “finger-write” the names of the animals you see.
• Places to see animals in Pierce County: Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium and Northwest Trek Wildlife Park.

Rhyming Fun

An elephant has a great big trunk
That goes swinging to and fro.
(Clasp hands to make trunk swing)
And she has tiny, tiny eyes,
(Point to your or your child’s eyes)
That show her where to go.
Her great big ears go flopping,
(Point to your or child’s ears)
While her great big feet go
stomping, stomping, STOMPING
on the ground!
(Stomp your feet)

More Books

• 1, 2, 3 to the Zoo by Eric Carle
• Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
• Good Night, Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann
• Sam Who Never Forgets by Eve Rice
• Zigzag ZooBorns!: Zoo Babies Color and Patterns by Andrew Blieman