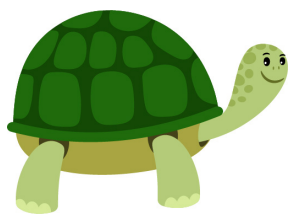

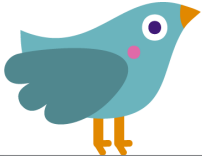


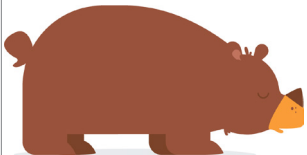





# May: Animals



National Get Caught Reading Month

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| <p>Make an animal collage. Cut out pictures of animals or draw some pictures and paste them on a big piece of paper.</p>   | <p><b>Song Day</b><br/>Sing Old MacDonald Had a Farm. Think of some silly animals to add to the song.</p>  | <p><b>Question &amp; Answer</b><br/>Listen for bird calls. See if you can imitate them. Which ones are your favorite?</p>  | <p>Make up a story about an animal. Where do they live? What kinds of animal friends do they have? Do they wear clothes or walk on two feet? Draw pictures to go along with your story.</p> | <p>Play leap frog with your child. Talk about why it is called leap frog.</p>  | <p><b>Maine</b><br/>Our state bird is the Black-capped Chickadee. Draw a picture of what you think it looks like.</p>       | <p><b>Visit Your Library</b><br/>Check out some books from this month's list. If possible, get <i>Sheep in a Jeep</i>, <i>The Circus Ship</i>, and <i>The Lion &amp; the Mouse</i>.</p>  |
| <p>Can you think of words or sounds that rhyme with the word sheep? If you have a copy, read <i>Sheep in a Jeep</i>. Practice making the sounds in the book.</p> | <p>Find animals sounds online, can you imitate them?</p>  | <p>Count the number of different animals you can find on packaging, clothing, or other things around you.</p>   | <p>Draw a picture of a moose, our state animal.</p>   | <p>Some picture books have no words only pictures. See if you have any books that are wordless and make up your own words. If you have a copy, read <i>The Lion &amp; the Mouse</i>.</p> | <p>Practice singing your ABCs today. Can you think of an animal for every letter of the alphabet?</p>                       | <p>Cut strips of paper and make animal bookmarks for your friends and family.</p>   |
| <p>Dance to songs with animals in the title like <i>Hound Dog</i> and <i>The Lion Sleeps Tonight</i>.</p>  | <p><b>Play Animal Charades</b><br/>Play a guessing game where you take turns with your child pretending to be different animals.</p>  | <p>Make some salt dough (recipe in back) or Play-doh and make some animals.</p>   | <p>Talk about animals that you see in spring and draw your favorite.</p>                               | <p><b>Mother Goose Time!</b><br/>Hickory, dickory, dare, The pig flew up in the air; The man in brown, Soon brought him down, Hickory, dickory, dare.</p>                                | <p>What animal would you be and why?</p>  | <p><b>It's Children's Book Week</b><br/>If you can't visit your library, make your own book. Don't forget to draw pictures to go along with the story.</p>  |
| <p>Talk about what kinds of animals live in Maine.</p>                         | <p>Talk about the names of baby animals: kitten, puppy, lamb, colt etc.</p>   | <p>Create a zoo with stuffed animals.</p>   | <p>What animals live under water? Make your best fishy face.</p>                                       | <p>What foods do the animals in your neighborhood eat? Can you find examples?</p>  | <p>Play leapfrog with your child.</p>  | <p>Look through a magazine or book for animals found in other words like coward, crabby, or catastrophe.</p>  |
| <p>Some animals are wild and some are pets. List different kinds of animals and talk about whether they are wild or a pet.</p>                                   | <p>Create a pretend animal. Draw a picture and make up a story about it.</p>  | <p>What kind of animals live in the jungle? Can you make up a story about these animals?</p>  | <p>Do you know the sounds the jungle animals in your story from yesterday make? Take turns making the animal's sounds!</p>  | <p>Write a poem together about your pet or what your favorite animal does all day.</p>   | <p>Take a walk and look for birds and squirrels. Can you tell a story about how they spend their days?</p>                  | <p><b>Play Animal Simon Says</b><br/>Can you hop like a kangaroo, fly like a bird, or hiss like a snake?</p>   |