

# ZEKE'S FUN AT HOME ACTIVITY CORNER

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Dear Parents, here are some new **playful, fun and physical activities** that you can do with your child! Our lesson suggestions require very little effort from you, with most of needed objects or materials found easily in your home!

1. Start by watching *Safari Sid* on YouTube. That gets your bodies moving and reinforces the Zoo-phonics alphabet at the same time!
2. **Hide and Seek!** Hide at least 6 (at a time) of the Zoo-phonics Animal Letters around one room in your home. (If you have a very young child make sure a part of the Card peeks out.) Your child will wander around “seeking” as you say, “hotter, hotter, colder, colder” (or higher, lower) to help them. With each “find,” give high praise, and then Signal, sound, and say the Animal’s Name (bubba bear).
3. **Play “Red Light, Green Light!”** This is best done outside in the fresh air if possible. This is GREAT full-family fun and is active! *Directions:* Have your family stand about 20 feet away from you. Hold up one of the Animal Letters and shout out (example) “Missy Mouse!” Now turn your back. They are to both towards you quickly giving Missy’s Signal and sound. Shout out “RED LIGHT!” Participants are to freeze in their tracks! If they are caught moving, they must go back to the starting line.
4. **Young Zoologists Do Research!** Make a quick list of the 26 Zoo-phonics Animals (or, if you have it, use the Picture Letter Grid). Using magazines, your child’s literature books, or technology, hunt for the Animals. Once you find one, put a check mark near its name!



**Here’s a Great Idea! Try a virtual tour of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum. See if any of our Animals can be found wonderful art pieces.**

5. **Literature Time.** This is such a nice “quiet-time” activity! As you enjoy the book, remember to Signal the first letter in key words. Talk about the pictures. Really listen to his/her thoughts. Ask your child questions.
6. **Music and Baking.** How about playing Pachelbel’s famous Canon in D (great spreading and grating music) and make **Peewee Penguin’s Pizza!** Encourage your child to participate in all aspects of this cooking endeavor. *Directions:* Use the halves of English muffins. Spread pizza sauce on the muffins. Grate mozzarella cheese and the sprinkle it all over the muffin. Add whatever toppings your child(ren) like. Bake for 8 minutes (watch). While Peewee Penguin is in his tuxedo you’ll dine like kings and queens! **Reminder!** 1) We wash our hands before and after cooking and eating. 2) We clear our own plate. 3) We clean the kitchen. It isn’t just a “parent” thing.
7. **For Your Older “4’s” or Kindergarten Children!** If your child is ready to spell and read some simple words, give him/her some **playful** practice today! Using the word list below, try these spelling and reading games.
  - a. **The “Make It Say...Game.”** Take the “a” and the “d” Merged Animal Letter Cards and put them together closely so your child can see them as “ad.” Now grab the “b,” “c,” “f,” “h,” “l,” “m,” “p,” “r,” “s” and the “t.” Your child will add one of these Letters to the front of the “an” (rime) word making new words: **an, ban, can, fan, man, pan, ran, and tan.**



**Ready for a challenge???** Add the “d” Merged Animal Letter and try these **blend words: and, hand, land, sand.** Signal, sound and say each word together. Just Signal and sound the blend /nd/ quickly together. “n” + “d” = /nd/!

- b. **Flash Cards.** Add these words to your flashcard set and play the fun games that we shared with you yesterday!