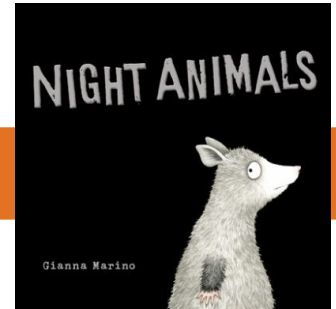
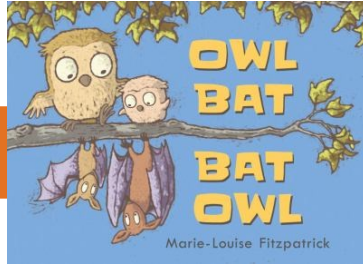


TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



tales' tip

Reading wordless picture books with your child encourages them to speak about a story, helps them understand sequencing, and develops their creativity and visual interpretation. They can also be shared in any language!

Text Optional: Visual Storytelling with Wordless Picturebooks (Gibson, J. (2016).)

activity

Hide stuffed animals or animal pictures around the room, turn out the lights, and use your flashlight to find them! Take turns with your child hiding and seeking, and be sure to practice those animals noises, especially the animals that aren't as common!

digital fun

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYKcklr2GvY>

Short video with your favorite PBS characters teaching the difference between "nocturnal" and "diurnal" animals. Short and simple, and kids will like pointing out the characters they know.

READ

Owl Babies

by Martin Waddell

Bats at the Library

by Brian Lies

Knight Owl

by Christopher Denise

Nocturnal Animals

by Abbie Dunne

The Midnight Library

by Kazuno Kohara

PLAY

Act it out! If you were a nighttime animal, what would you do at night when everyone is sleeping? Play using toys, or act it out yourself! Can you be animals at night in the library? Animals at night at the fair? Animals at night at school? What adventures would you have?

TALK

You don't always have to read the words on the page! Ask your child to tell their own story just based on the pictures! Making up stories not only grows their creativity, it helps them understand story sequence, which is an important part of reading comprehension!

SING

Fox Has Got a Long Red Tail

(to the tune of:
"Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Fox has got a long red tail,
Shake that tail, shake that tail!
Fox has got a long red tail,
Shake that tail now!

Other Verses:

Pointy nose... wiggle that nose
Two front paws... clap those paws
Two pointy ears... twitch those ears
Two bright eyes... blink those eyes
Long sharp teeth... bite those teeth

WRITE

Try making animal tracks in playdoh using a popsicle stick. Practicing holding tools like a popsicle stick, a crayon, or even a spoon helps your child strengthen the muscles they use for writing!