

Importance of Read Aloud

Alive Studios Zoo: 26 Rhyming Short Stories

All Stories:

Rhyming, rhythm, or cadence for fluency

Comprehension questions

SEL growth skills - connect to real-world

Alliteration

Concept of Print

Connection to Animal/Letter Sound

Amos Alligator Arrives at the Airport

Antonyms: late/early, go/stop, fast/slow

Brody Bear Has the Big Bad Blues

Multiple-meaning words: blue (color, feeling)

Antonyms/opposites: inside/outside or wet/dry

Celine Cow Loves Ice Cream

Idioms: smooth as silk (talk about common ones kids may have heard) raining cats and dogs, let the cat out of the bag, keep your chin up, drop the ball, when it rains - it pours, hang in there, go with the flow, in hot water, play it by ear

Vocabulary: wheat, grains

Dana Dolphin's Deep, Deep Dives

Multiple Meaning Words: ball (fun, round object, gala or ball)

Vocabulary: underneath, sea vs see, filled

Edie Elephant Has Enormous Ears (Alliteration)

Synonyms: enormous (big, giant, gigantic, huge, large)

Vocabulary: droop, flop, sway, reply

Frankie Frog to the Rescue

Compound Words: bullfrog, something (other suggestions: into, playground, swingset, seahorse)

Gerdy Giraffe Loves to Read

Comprehension: Why is reading like a magic journey?

Multiple Meaning Words: heard/herd, high/hi, by/bye/buy

Henry Horse Hides His Hat (Alliteration)

Idiom: Oh, My Stars (surprise, astonishment)

Ima Iguana Explored an Island

Lang. of the Discipline: map, compass, explore, island, waters, beach

James Jaguar Jumped for Joy

Vocabulary: victory, cheer (When would you hear those terms and what other ones can you think of that would fit)

Katie Kangaroo and Kelly Roo Too

Compound Words: playground, sidewalk,

Vocabulary and movement: bouncy, jump, hop

Larry Lion Learns About Lying

Vocabulary: squirm (what does it mean and how do you think you might feel if you are squirming)

Michael Moose. Mind Your Manners

Onomatopoeia: gurgle (Michael gurgles with his tea. What are other eating and drinking sound words - slurp, crunch, smack, burp)

Norwood Narwhal Knows to Be Nice

Adjectives: hairy, nice, scary, sharp, long

Olie Orangutan Loves to Help

What are ways you can help? (Does helping look different for different people?)

Percy Peacock Plans a Party

If you could plan a party, what would you do and what color would it be? Why?

Quentin Quail Wants to Quack

Onomatopoeia: quack, tweet (What are others for birds?) chirp, ca-caw, cock-a-doddle-do, honk, peep

Randy Rooster's Red Racing Rider

Contractions: it's, he's (Even if students are not ready for the apostrophe or spelling, we use them in common language.

Exposure will help them understand contractions are made up of 2 words when the time comes.)

Sergio Seal Loves the Zoo

Habitats and animal adaptations (mountains have hairy yaks...why? Sergio lives in a watery world, why is he not hairy?)

Tommy Toucan Cleans the Zoo

Position Words: beside, behind, between, beneath

Ulla Unau Takes Her Time

Victor Vulture Tries New Things

Hyperbole: In his mind, he saw himself as **standing ten feet tall**.

Metaphor: He would try it anyway and **have himself a ball!**

Wagner Wolf Wants to Play

Past Tense: pretended, played, jumped (Different sounds of -ed as well)

What are things that dogs can do? Can you do them?

Xavier X-Ray Fish Is Extra Clean

Compound Words: everywhere, seaweed (others to add - bathtub, saltwater, everyone)

Yosobee Yak Wants a Turn

ee /ē/: Yosebee, wheel (others - see, seen, peel, feel)

Ea /ē/: seal, deal (meat, eat, beat, meal)

Zelda Zebra Is so Grateful

Adjectives: shady tree, bright savanna day, crystal water, dusty winds.