

My Animal Family Ideas for Extended Learning Class Activities

Animal Family Dramatic Play

Divide the class into groups and assign each group a different animal family from the book. Have them create and act out a short play about the family, including their calls, body language and relationships with each other.

Wolf Pack p22, Meerkats p50.



Animal Family Art

Using the book and animal group names as inspiration, have students create artwork that depicts different animal groups/families. This could include drawing or painting, as well as mixed media or sculpture.

Pack of wolves, murder of crows, mob of meerkats.... etc.

Also see group name activity sheet: <https://kateperidot.com/fun-teaching-resources/>

Animal Family Research Project

Assign each student a different animal family from the book and have them research and present on the family's unique behaviours, adaptations, and habitats.

Animal Family Comparison

Have students choose two different animal families from the book and compare and contrast leadership, behaviours and relationships.

Elephants (p8) are a matriarchal society: females are in charge of the group.

Chimpanzees (p10) are a patriarchal society: males are in charge of the group.

Emperor Penguin dads' (p30) look after the egg

Orangutan mums' (p64) care for the baby.



Animal Family Storytelling

Have students create their own 'day in the life of a.....' story about an animal in a family, based on the book. These stories can be written or told aloud and can include elements of fiction or fantasy.

Animal Family Field Trip

Take a field trip to a local zoo or wildlife sanctuary, where students can observe different animal families in their natural habitats. This can be a great opportunity to reinforce the concepts learned in the book, as well as to observe real-life examples of animal behaviour and family dynamics.