

Pre-K and Kindergarten Lesson 3: Zoo Life

Intro

- Have students “turn and talk” to a partner about what is at a zoo
- A few students should share with the class, but most students will know what is at a zoo

Listen and Respond Whole Group

- Listen to *Animal Helpers: Zoos* by Jennifer Keats Curtis
- Discuss what some of the different needs of the animals are (food, medicine, a home, etc.) and ask students what they would do to keep the animals happy and healthy
- If you have toy versions of some of the zoo animals mentioned, have students model how they would take care of them

Listen and Respond Small Group

- Split the class into two groups
- One group should listen to *What's New at the Zoo? An Animal Adding Adventure* by Suzanne Slade while the other group should listen to *'Twas The Day Before Zoo Day* by Catherine Ipcizade (Note: this is a fiction text, but has many informational facts)
- Each group should have an adult helper and come up with a short play acting out the book they listened to

Wrap up

- Listen to *“Who Lives in the Zoo?”* by Michele Valeri and practice animal noises!