

Kids Love Musicals!

PLAYTIME AT HOME

Free and structured play time are both important components to learning. They provide a wonderful counterbalance to virtual and book lessons.

UNIT TWO:

THE JUNGLE BOOK

JUNGLE-THEMED READING NOOK

Transform a corner of your room, apartment or house into a reading nook inspired by the sights and sounds of the jungle! Create a listening center for reading, writing and thinking as meditative sounds of the rainforest (see links below) play in the background while enclosed by vines, leaves, animal photos or pictures of your own creation.

- Fashion thick vines (known as Liana Vines) out of brown craft paper, paper bags and construction paper. Just twist, shape and connect by using duct or masking tape.
- Using colored construction paper, tissue paper or even paper plates, create tropical flowers, leaves, birds and butterflies to add to the ever-growing vine.
- Fill the space with stuffed animals, plants or other items.
- Add a canopy or tent like structure with scarves or netting or a bedsheet.
- Print photos from the internet or cut them from magazines to place on nearby walls.

Sounds of the Rain Forest: <https://bit.ly/3eihZwU>

Sounds of India: <https://bit.ly/3b7sAsO>

ANIMAL MASKS

Make simple masks for the animals in The Jungle Book using paper plates, scissors, string, glue, construction paper, and crayons, markers or paint! Cut out eyes and shape the bottom of the plate so the mouth is open. Paint or color the mask to represent the animal character (gray for Colonel Hothi, brown for Baloo, striped for Sher Khan, etc. Cut ears and noses out of construction paper and glue them on the painted paper plates. After the glue has dried, punch a hole on each side of the plate and tie two pieces of string to each hole to tie the mask. See what stories you can create together, inventing characters and exploring adventures!

STRIKE UP THE (JAZZ) BAND

Create a few simple instruments to form your own orchestra or play along with a few jazz standards.

- **Tambourine:** Staple or glue two paper plates together, facing each other. Use a hole punch to make holes around the plates and tie jingle bells to the holes with string. Decorate the tambourine with crayons.
- **Drum:** Decorate an oatmeal box with construction paper and crayons. Use a pen to make a hole in the center of the top and bottom of the box. Pull a piece of yarn through the holes long enough to hang around your neck so the drum sits at your waist. For drumsticks, place spools at the ends of the pencils, secure with glue if needed.
- **Horn:** Cover one end of a paper towel roll with wax paper and secure with a rubber band. Punch a row of holes along one side of the roll with the tip of a pen. Sing into the open end
- **Guitar:** Remove the cover of a shoebox and stretch the rubber bands around the box. Attach a ruler or stick to the back of the box for the guitar's arm. To play, strum or pluck the rubber bands.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Take yourself on a scavenger hunt in your own house or during a trek outside! You can challenge classmates, friends or family members to see who can find the most items in the shortest amount of time! Create your own scavenger hunt list, or use these items to start:

- 1 unique mailbox
- 5 bikes or bike riders
- 1 American flag
- 3 dogs
- 3 driveways/sidewalks with chalk art
- 3 different color flowers
- 1 of each: blue car, red car, white car, black car
- 10 street lamps