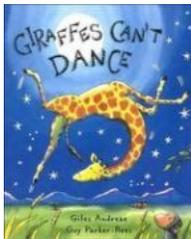


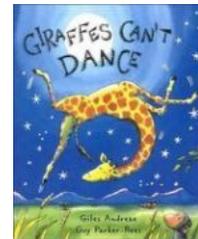


Share a story and enjoy these enrichment activities!



Giraffes Can't Dance

By Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees



This is one of my favorite stories - if you don't have this book, you can find a read along on you tube here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4UNRduYI_04

Ms. Erin at

<https://littleslovelearning.com/giraffes-cant-dance-activities/> said it best: "This book tells the cutest story about Gerald the Giraffe, who really wants to dance...but with his long legs and knobby knees, he's super awkward and clumsy. The other animals tease him, which makes Gerald feel very sad. But with the help of a wise cricket, Gerald learns that it's okay to be different...you just have to dance to the beat of your own drum! This book is great because it has such a positive message for kids...be yourself and embrace your individuality! It also has great rhymes and colorful, bold illustrations that your little one will love!"



You will need: Nutter Butter cookie, graham cracker, chocolate chips, pretzel sticks, raisins, rolo, candy eyes, peanut butter

1. First, break off a long piece of graham cracker to use as the giraffe's neck. Attach a nutter butter cookie to the top with peanut butter. This is your giraffe's head.
2. Then, use peanut butter to put chocolate chips on your giraffe's neck.
3. Next, use peanut butter to put candy eyes and a rolo nose on your giraffe's head. (I cut the rolo first so it was flat.)
4. Add raisins for the ears and pretzel sticks for the ossicones (horns of the giraffe.)
5. Enjoy your snack! (You can also make any substitutions...raisins could be used in place of the chocolate chips, or chocolate chips could be used in place of the raisins or the rolo...do what works for you!)



You will need: Construction Paper or Cardstock, Yellow, Brown, & Black Paint

- First, paint your little one's hand with yellow paint and make a handprint on their paper. Turn the handprint upside down-the fingers of your little one become the legs of the giraffe!
- Next, help them make the neck and head of the giraffe with yellow paint and a paintbrush.
- Then have them use their finger & brown paint to make fingerprint spots all over the body & head. Don't forget to add a fingerprint at the end of the tail!
- Last, use a tiny bit of black paint to make the eye of the giraffe.
- You've made your very own Gerald! Now you can make him dance!