



Reading Is Fundamental

Get Wild!

Activities inspired by *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak



<p>That night Max wore his wolf suit and made mischief of one kind and another....</p> <p>Max must have been feeling wild that night! Complete the sentence starter: When I feel wild, _____.</p> <p>You can write a sentence or you can use this starter as the beginning of a story.</p>	<p>His mother called him, "WILD THING!"</p> <p>Take a virtual visit to the New York Zoos and Aquarium where you can build your own wild thing. Choose different animal body parts to create a one-of-a-kind wild thing that you can share with friends or set as your desktop background. www.buildyourwildself.com</p>	<p>And Max said, "I'LL EAT YOU UP!"</p> <p>Max was not being nice to his mother on the night he was a wild thing. Pretend you are Max and write an apology letter to Max's mom. Think about why his mom may have been upset with him. What should Max say to make the situation better?</p>
<p>That very night in Max's room a forest grew....</p> <p>Materials: 2 plastic baggies, 2 lima beans, 2 paper towels, water</p> <p>Place a moist paper towel in each baggie. Place a seed so you can see it in each baggie. Seal them up. Place one baggie in a dark place in your room. Place one near a window. Check back each day to see what happens. Did one seed grow more than the other? Why?</p>	<p>An ocean tumbled by with a private boat for Max....</p> <p>Suggested materials: egg carton, foil, straw, tape, scrap paper</p> <p>Recycle materials to make your own private boat. Which materials do you think would make the best base for your boat? Construct your boat and then place it in a tub of water. Does it sink or float?</p>	<p>The wild things...rolled their terrible eyes...</p> <p>Materials: 2 marbles (wild thing eyes!) per person.</p> <p>Create a start line and finish line.</p> <p>Challenge: Try and roll the "wild thing eyes" to the finish line, without using your hands.</p>
<p>Max said "BE STILL!" and tamed them with the magic trick....</p> <p>Can you stare into someone's eyes without blinking? Find a partner and play a round of stare down! Who will blink first?</p> <p>Why do you think this frightened the wild things?</p>	<p>"And now, "cried Max, "let the wild rumpus start!"</p> <p>Create your own wild rumpus by making up your own wild rumpus dance. Choose your favorite song. Make up dance moves that go with the rhythm of the music. Teach your dance to a friend or family members.</p> <p>You may want to write down your dance so you can remember the moves. Do you notice any patterns in your dance?</p>	<p>He gave up being king of where the wild things are....</p> <p>Do you think the wild things are real or make believe? Pick a side and gather your evidence to prove you are right. Persuade someone whether they are real or make believe.</p> <p>What do you think Max believed?</p>