Activity: Magical Zoo

PURPOSE: Exploring personal and general space, enhancing static and dynamic balance, while "becoming" animals in a zoo.

EQUIPMENT & ORGANIZATION: Task cards of different zoo animals, placed on cones that are spread out around the playing space.

HOW TO PLAY: Begin with a conversation about going to the zoo, letting children share their favorite animals. Next introduce the idea of a magical zoo…each time you look at an animal, poof, you become that animal, and can only move and sounds like that animal, until you see another animal. Let them explore and move through the zoo.

Variations

- Ask students to hold the shape of the animal before moving on through the space.
- Ask them to travel in different levels or pathways.
- Use music of varying speeds and ask them to match their speed with that of the music.
- Pair students up and ask them to work together to become one of the animals using both of their bodies.
- Have one students secretly choose an animal and move like it while a friend guesses.

Giraffe

Koala

Lion

Monkey

Penguin

Turtle