Michigan Reads! 2008

Who’s Awake at Night?

Set-up Ideas

- Have children come in their pajamas (you can too!)
- Hang a moon and stars in the program room
- Turn the lights down—use flashlights!

Read

- *Song of night: it’s time to go to bed*, by Katherine Riley Nakamura, illustrated by Linnea Riley, Blue Sky Press, 2002.

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- *When it is night, when it is day*, by Jenny Tyers, Houghton-Mifflin, 1996.

**Crafts (all crafts best for ages 2-5)**

- Do one of the Raccoon Crafts from the “Raccoons!” program listed previously
- Owl Handprint Craft: [www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mhandprintowl.htm](http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mhandprintowl.htm)
- Owl Paper Plate Craft: [www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/animals/owl/](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/animals/owl/)
- Bat Handprint Craft: [www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/animals/owl/](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/animals/owl/)
- Nocturnal/ Diurnal Mobiles
  - Have children make a large sun and/or moon
  - Use templates from the web or color your own nocturnal and/or diurnal animals
  - Use fishing line or yarn to hang the nocturnal animals under the moon and the diurnal animals under the sun

**Sing-a-longs**

- **Raccoon**, to the tune: “Kookaburra,” *Ages 0-5*  
  (Source: [www.misterandersons.com](http://www.misterandersons.com))

  Raccoon sleeps in a hollow tree,  
  While the sun shines on you and me.  
  Sleep, raccoon, sleep, raccoon, warm and cozily.

  In the darkest part of night,

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Raccoon has the best eyesight.
Look, raccoon, look, raccoon, My, your eyes are bright.

Raccoon hardly makes a sound
When he prowls all around.
Hunt, raccoon, hunt, raccoon, find food on the ground.

- **Owl Song**, to the tune: “I’m a Little Teapot”
  (Source: www.perpetualpreschool.com)

  I’m a great big owl, as you can see
  I live high up in a tree.
  All the other birds wake me up when they play,
  Because I like to sleep in the day!

Activities

- **Sun-up, Moon-up Game, Ages 2-8**
  - Assign kids to be either nocturnal or diurnal animals
    - Print out pictures of animals for kids to wear that are either nocturnal or diurnal
    - Divide the group into “people” and “raccoons”
  - Either make a large sun and moon, or just use the lights in the room as the sun!
  - When the lights are on (or sun picture up) the diurnal animals get to run and play!
  - When the lights are out (or moon picture up) the nocturnal animals get to run and play!
  - Ages 2-3: have children be “people” or “raccoons” to keep it simple
  - Ages 4 and up: expand the types of nocturnal and diurnal animals

- **Nocturnal animal sound game, Ages 2-5**: [www.naturepark.com/sound1.wav](http://www.naturepark.com/sound1.wav)
  - You will need to have computer access in the room
  - You can also make your own animal sounds that you hear at night

- **Raccoon, Raccoon Finger Play, Ages 0-5**

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(Source: Pam Miller at www.teachers.net)

Raccoon, raccoon, *(fingers around eyes like a mask)*
Up in a tree, *(hands raised high)*
Raccoon, raccoon, *(fingers around eyes like a mask)*
You can’t see me! *(cover eyes)*
Raccoon, raccoon, *(fingers around eyes like a mask)*
I can see you, *(one hand on eyes, one pointing)*
Eating fish and corn, *(pretend to eat)*
And birds’ eggs too. *(pretend to eat)*
Raccoon, raccoon, *(fingers around eyes like a mask)*
Hunting at night, *(hands shade eyes and squint)*
Raccoon, raccoon, *(fingers around eyes like a mask)*
Sleeps in daylight. *(sleeping motion)*

- **Five Little Owls Finger Play, Ages 0-5**
  (Source: www.perpetualpreschool.com)
  Tip: Use Owl crafts (above) to act this one out

  5 little owls on a moonlit night  5 little owls are quite a sight.
  5 little owls Are you keeping score? One flew away! And then there were 4.
  4 little owls Happy as can be, One flew away! Then there were 3.
  3 little owls Calling "Whoo! Whoo!" One flew away! And that left two.
  2 little owls having lots of fun. One flew away! And that left 1.
  1 little owl We are almost done. He flew away! And that leaves none.

**Print-outs**

- **See Raccoon print-outs in “Raccoons!” program previously listed**
- **Owl Coloring Pages:**
  - www.first-school.ws/theme/animals/cp_birds/cp_owl.htm
  - www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mowlsposter.html
- **Bat Coloring Pages:**
  - www.coloring.ws/bats1.htm

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- www.first-school.ws/theme/animals/cp_wild/cp_bat.htm

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