

Animal Theme

Math— Counting and Story Problems



Animal Story Problems

Materials

- Animal story mat
- Bear counters or any counters

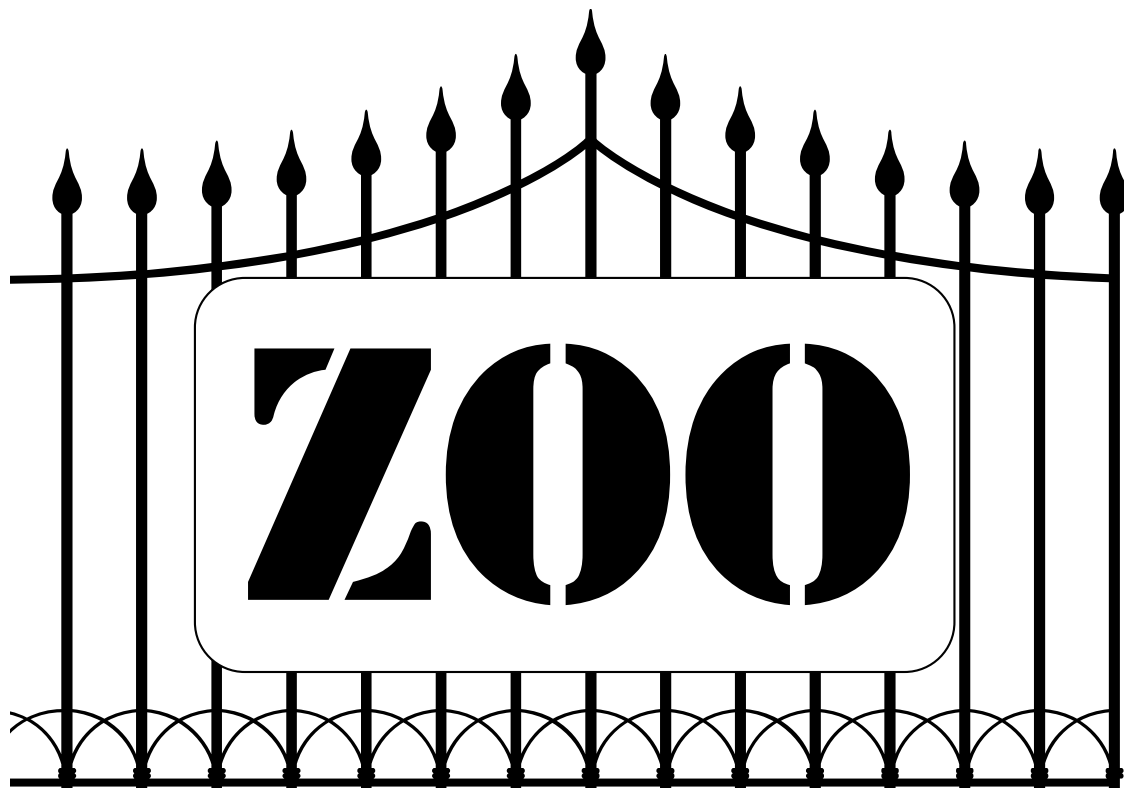
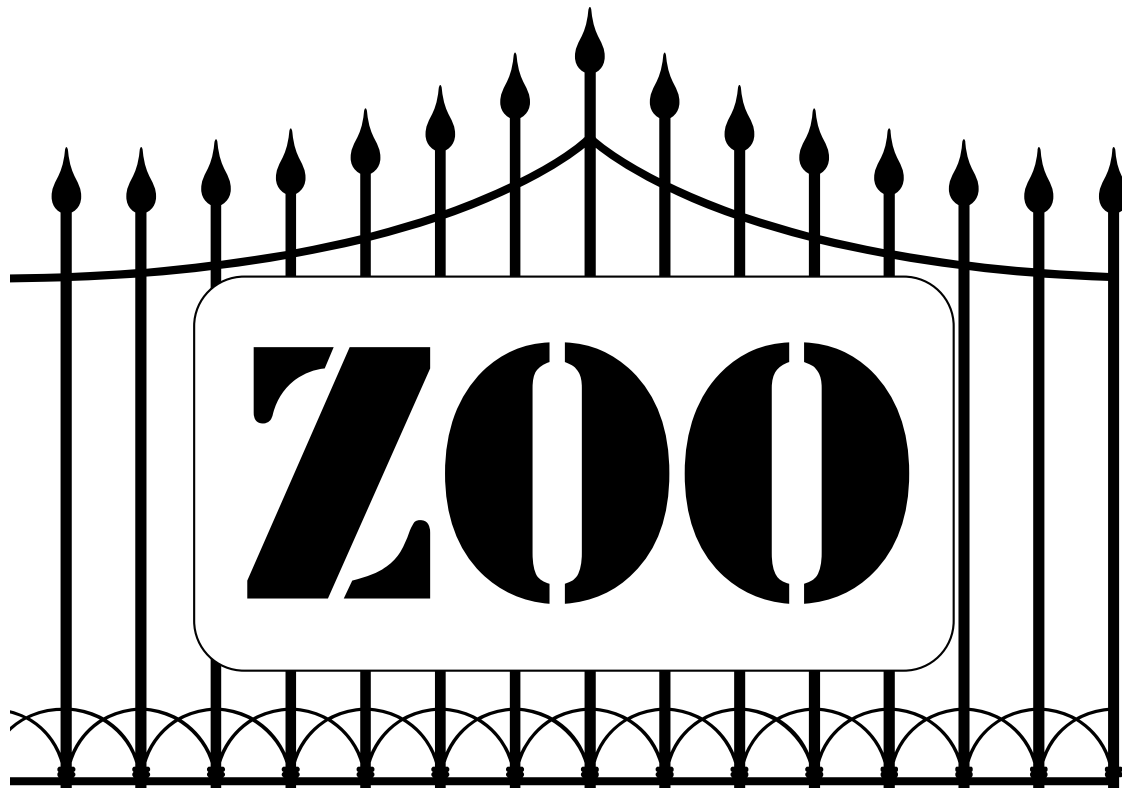
Preparation: Make copies of animal story mat (Story mats are easy to make. Find pictures of areas where animals live and laminate.)

Procedure

- Say , “ Today we are going to play a game using our story mats and these counters. Two bears were going to the zoo to visit their friends the monkeys.” Place two bears at the zoo gate.
- “When the bears entered the zoo gate they saw 3 of their bear friends.” Place 3 more bears at the gate.
- “How many bears are at the zoo gate?” Watch the children as they count the 5 bears. Notice if they are touching or moving the bears slightly as they count. (one-to-one correspondence)
- “Child’s name how many bears are at the zoo gate?” Allow child to respond. “Yes, 5 bears are standing at the zoo gate.”
- “Now 5 bears are going to visit the monkeys.”
- Continue making up story problems. Remember to use small numbers for the children to add together at first until they can count and understand larger numbers.

Extension: After working with addition, on another day try subtraction type story problems.

Supplemental Activities



Supplemental Activities