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RHYMING

Play fosters belonging and encourages cooperation.
Stuart Brown

Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney

Llama Llama Red Pajama is an infectious rhyming read-aloud where Baby Llama turns bedtime into an all-out llama drama! Tucked into bed by his mama, Baby Llama immediately starts worrying when she goes downstairs, and his soft whimpers turn to hollers when she doesn't come right back. But just in time, Mama returns to set things right. Children will relate to Baby Llama's need for comfort, as much as adults will appreciate Mama Llama's reassuring message.

Explore the Book Ideas:

- Before you begin reading, ask the children if they have bedtime "rituals."
- Act out the story as you read with your llama hand puppet. Be sure to include the stomping, pouting, jumping, and shouting!

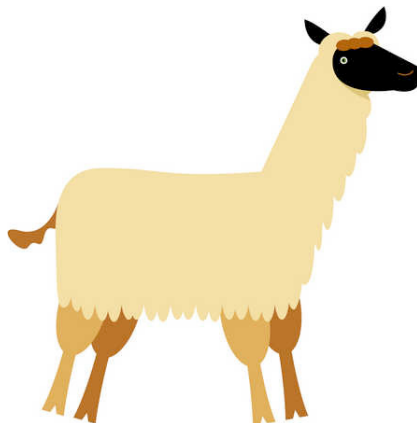
Kit Supplies: llama hand puppet

Ages: 0 to 3 Years

Playful Activity Ideas:

- 1) Time for Bed Play: Have children use stuffed llamas as the babies and read the story while the children pretend to put their babies to bed and act out all the story elements.

Kit Supplies: stuffed llamas, baby blankets





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*A child loves his play, not because it's easy,
but because it's hard.*

Benjamin Spock

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Ten Oni Drummers by Matthew Gollub

Ten Oni Drummers is a story about a young Japanese boy who falls asleep on the beach and begins to dream, but soon he has company - a tiny oni, creeping up from the sand. (Oni are Japanese folkloric creatures). Throughout the night, one by one, more oni appear, until there are ten in all, and they grow bigger, too. They begin beating their taiko drums, louder and louder. They sail on a raft, play games, have a big meal, and eventually chase away the boy's scary dreams.

Ages: 4 to 6 years

Explore the Book Ideas:

- Before you begin reading, talk about Japan and ask what the children know about Japan. Introduce Japanese words that will be in the story: Kanji, Oni and Taiko. Definitions are in the back of the book.

Playful Activity Ideas:

- 1) Kanji #1 -10: Write your numbers 1 to 10 in Kanji. Write your name in English and your age in Kanji on index cards.

Kit Supplies: Kanji #1 to 10 Guide; large index cards, Samples

- 2) Marching rhyming band: Give all the children a musical instrument and practice marching to the beat of the music you make. The teacher has a special instrument (whistle). Every time the whistle blows - everyone stops! The teacher shouts out a word and the children (taking turns) have to shout out a different word that rhymes.

Kit Supplies: egg shakers, whistle, easy rhyming words samples

- 3) Make an Oni headpiece: Talk with children about bad dreams and what might chase those bad dreams away. Make an Oni headpiece like in the story and act out the story with children in their oni costume.

Kit Supplies: Oni headpiece template, markers, glue, feathers, pompoms

