

Over the Meadow



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Over the Meadow song-https://youtu.be/k1KRjOlvj_w

Summary -Over the Meadow is a terrific, rhyming and counting tale with vivid pictures of different animals. This book embraces the bond between mother and baby in their natural habitat.

Extended Questions/Speaking and Listening

- Tell me about your favorite animal in this book?
- What do you like most about that animal?
- Which animals do you think are having the most fun?
- If you could try something one of the animals were doing what would it be and why?

Vocabulary

- Reeds – a tall grass that grows along the shore of a marsh.
- **Meadow**-a big field of grass sometime it also called a pasture
- **Stream**-a steady like a river only smaller.
- **Leaped**-to jump into the air
- **Dive**-to plunge into the water

Activities for toddlers or preschoolers

Activity A: Making Gem Butterflies

Materials

- Pipe Cleaners
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Gems
- Clothspins



Gem butterflies

Help your child make gem butterflies by:

1. making wings as shown below:
 - a. Shaping the pipe cleaners into circles as shown in the diagram below



- b. Pinching and twisting a pair of circle-shaped pipe cleaners as shown



2. Attaching the clothespins to the twisted shape as shown in picture 4 below.
3. Adding glue to the googly eyes before attaching them to the clothespins as shown picture 4.
4. Adding glue to the rest of the clothespins and then attaching gems as shown in the following picture.

Picture 4



5. Let butterflies dry before using them to teach the child about butterflies.

Activity B: An outdoor adventure

- A. Take your child out on an adventure, exploring outside your home. Look at different types of bugs, birds, and animals. Let child experience and describe what he or she sees, feels smells, or hears. Elaborate on what your child is saying to introduce new vocabulary. Ask age appropriate questions to guide your child to more learning.