

Book title: Where the Wild Things Are

Author: Maurice Sendak

Supplies for activities needed:

- Book (Where the Wild Things Are)
- Open Space, enough room for number of children in group.
- Small group of kids (2-4)

Activity Name: Rumpus Roleplay

- School Readiness Outcomes (SRO) goals met:
  - Knows How Books Work
  - Make and Express Choices
  - Makes Comparisons
- Instructions
  1. Do a picture walk of the “Wild Rumpus” part of the book, where there are 6 pages without words.
    - a. Have the kids narrate what Max is telling the Wild Things to do. Make sure that each child gets a chance to say something.
  2. Choose a rug to be the “boat” that Max rides in the book. Have the kids sit on the rug, and take them on a boat ride to where the Wild Things are.
  3. Assign one of the kids as “Max” and play “Max Says”. Everyone else is a Wild Thing.
    - a. Max gives three commands to the Wild Things. They should be something that the children described during their picture-walk of the wild rumpus OR describe what kind of Wild Thing they should be. (i.e. if the kids said that Max made the Wild Things dance during their narration, they should tell the other kids to do that. If they say be a Wild Thing with horns, then do tasks as a Wild Thing with horns until someone changes it).

- b. After 3 commands, change who is Max, everyone should get a chance to be Max.
4. Take a boat ride back home.
- Extension Activity Ideas
    - Make a Wild Thing Mask or Hat
      - This should be looped around to fit their head. Have them cut out horns, eyes, “fur”, and decorate it how they want using art supplies.

