



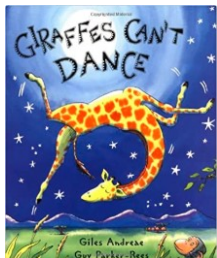
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The Scoop in Family Child Care

For License Home Child Care Providers

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Featured Book

Giraffes Can't Dance

By Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees

If you don't have this book you can watch the reading at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0wweS8P-tY>

Math ~ M & M Counting

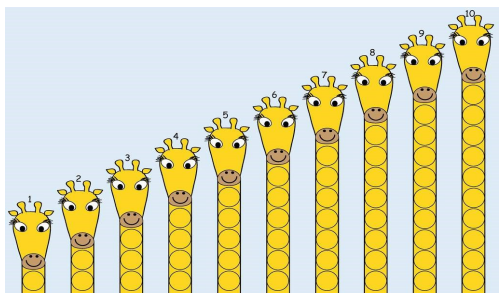
This activity is always simple and fun.

You will need:

- M & M's (You can use any other material paper, gems, etc...)
- 1 giraffe math (attached) for each child.

Have the children place an M & M on each circle of a Giraffe as they count.

Find this activity at: <https://ivy-kids.com/products/ivy-kids-kit-giraffes-cant-dance>



Nutrition ~ Giraffe Party Snack

Did you know you can make a Giraffe out of Pretzel sticks and Cheese Stick pieces or cubes?

Give the children a serving of each on a plate and watch the creations appear.



This idea and many more Giraffe activities can be found at:

<https://thecraftingchicks.com/zoo-fun/>

Paper Plate Crafting



Follow this link to make a paper plate Giraffe or all of the animals in the book if you like.

<https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/paper-plate-animals.html>

Health & Safety Coaching Tips

Lead Poisoning Facts:

- Lead is much more toxic to young children than to older children or adults.
- Children with high levels of lead in their bodies don't look, act, or feel sick.
- Lead-based house paint is the main source of lead poisoning in children.
- Soil (dirt), lead pipes, glazed pottery made outside the U.S., children's jewelry, batteries and home health remedies are also common sources of lead poisoning.
- Some jobs and hobbies can expose children to lead.
- **The ONLY way to diagnose lead poisoning is with a**




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Orientation

For Licensed Family Child Care Providers

ExceleRate™ Illinois is the quality recognition and improvement system for licensed family child care providers. This orientation provides an overview of the goals, quality indicators, benefits of participation, application process, and the system supports available for success at reaching each Circle of Quality. *Gateways Content Areas: CPD(1.0); PPD(1.0) CDA Content Area: 5(2.0)*

TUE 5/4/21 6:30pm-8:30pm Location: Online

Cost: Free **Registration Deadline:** 4/27/21

Register at: www.salccc.org

Children's Book Addresses COVID-19

The children's book, [Trinka and Sam Fighting the Big Virus: Trinka, Sam, and Littletown Work Together](http://www.nctsn.org/resources/trinka-and-sam-fighting-the-big-virus) www.nctsn.org/resources/trinka-and-sam-fighting-the-big-virus, helps young children and families talk about their experiences and feelings related to COVID-19 and the need to shelter in place. In the story, the coronavirus has spread to Littletown, causing changes in everyone's lives. The story opens doors to conversations about COVID-19, how families and communities are working together to keep safe from the virus, family and community strengths, common challenges and reactions in children and adults, ways that families support children and each other, and expressing intense gratitude for frontline workers. A caregiver guide in the back of the book provides ways parents can use the story with their children. A companion story, [Fighting the Big Virus: Trinka's and Sam's Questions](http://www.nctsn.org/resources/fighting-the-big-virus-trinka-and-sam-questions) www.nctsn.org/resources/fighting-the-big-virus-trinka-and-sam-questions, is also available to help answer children's questions about the coronavirus. Both resources are available in multiple languages on the webpages linked above.



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