

Classroom Activities with Cake-Eating Hippo

- Make hippo foot prints to lead into the story corner.
- Buddies can read the story to younger children.
- Try a Readers' Theatre version of the story: 4-5 people including a narrator, sitting, reading parts of the book and using simple props like a hat or piece of cake.
- Hippo-Launch. At the original book launch at the Melbourne Zoo, near the hippo enclosure, guests were invited to B.Y.O.H.F. (BRING YOUR OWN HIPPO-SHAPED FOOD) Have a hippo-party and invite guests to B.Y.O.H.F. e.g. Hippo blood (red drink) or hippo dandruff (marshmallows)
- Use the audio and songs and music for hippo activities. E.g. hippo dance.
- Hold a Hippo-Playfest and perform classroom plays based on the hippo stories. (see 'Our Cake Eating Hippo Plays' (www.bushfirepress.com) for scripts, songs and music.