



Gator, Gator, Gator!
by Daniel Bernstrom

Recommended books:

One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree by Daniel Bernstrom

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff

I Will Surprise my Friend by Mo Willems

A Stone Sat Still by Brendan Wenzel

There's a Hole in the Log on the Bottom of the Lake by Loren Long

Five Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree by Eileen Christelow

There's an Alligator under my Bed by Mercer Mayer

If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School... Don't! by Elise Parsley

Crocodile or Alligator? by Susan Kralovansky

Alligators by Nancy Furstinger

Fingerplays:

Five Little Monkeys Swinging in a Tree (add an alligator puppet for extra fun!)

Repeat until all the monkeys are "eaten"—some children may be concerned about this, so be sure to show them that they're okay at the end!

Five little monkeys swinging in a tree, (hold up five fingers or five finger puppets)

Teasing Mr. Alligator, "You can't catch me!"

Along comes Mr. Alligator, quiet as can be... (lower voice and whisper)

And SNAPS that monkey right out of the tree. (use other hand or alligator puppet to snap at the monkeys.)

Four little monkeys...

Song:

Row, row, row, your boat, gently down the stream.
If you see a crocodile- don't forget to scream!

Here's a Little Alligator

Here's a Little Alligator, he'll give you smiles for free.
But if he gets too close to you, he'll gobble up your knee!

Here's a Little Alligator, he's moving through the sand.
But if he gets too close to you, he'll gobble up your hand!
(continue with- sleeping under a chair/hair,

Songs:

"Alligator Pie" by Carol Peterson from the CD, *Highly Usable Music, All Year Long! (H.U.M)*

Alligator pie, alligator pie
If I don't get some
I think I'm gonna cry.
Take away the green grass
Take away the sky
But don't take away
My alligator pie.

"Gator Song" (Wheels on the Bus tune)

The mouth of the Gator goes CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP
CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP
CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP
The mouth of the Gator goes CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP all day long.

The feet of the Gator go DIG DIG DIG
The tail of the Gator goes swish swish swish

"Alligator Stomp" by Jack Grunsky from the CD, *Jack in the Box 1*

Two alligators in the swamp. Doing the alligator stomp
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Now take a gator by the hand. Step to the music of a Cajun band
Clap your hands! Stomp your feet! And walk your gator down the street.
Ayee!

You can roll your eyes. You can wiggle your nose.
But you better not step on your gator's toes.
Tippy toe

Swing to the left, swing to the right. We're nice alligators, we don't bite.
Ayee!

Now throw your hands up in the air. We're a little bit crazy but we don't care
One thing gators love to do, is jump up high and shout "yahoo!"

Activities:

Have the kids make their own alligator paper bag puppet.
(attached .pdf)

