



The third graders wore animal costumes for their big show.

The Dancing Zoo Animals

Today was an exciting day for me at school. Our third-grade class put on the play “The Dancing Zoo Animals.” For two weeks, we had daily rehearsals to learn our parts for the play. Mrs. Cooper, our teacher, made an announcement before the play began: “Remember, we’ve rehearsed this many times. You are all well prepared for the performance!”

But all of us were too busy looking at one another’s costumes to be worried. Jake had the part of an elephant and his costume was gray with big floppy ears. My penguin costume was black with a very big white bowtie. Sofie’s costume was the tallest of all. That’s because she was a giraffe.

We had all helped make the decorations for the play. The stage on the gym was filled with paper trees and big boxes. We had painted them to look like rocks. We had also strung up lights which made the decorations sparkle.

Finally, the gym was full of our families and

friends. The music started. We all danced out onto the stage just like we had practiced in rehearsals.

Jake's elephant trunk made everyone laugh as he pretended to spray water at the audience. When Sofia the giraffe pretended to eat leaves from the paper trees, all the visitors laughed again. My favorite part was when I and the other four penguins waddled in a line and then did a slide move that we had rehearsed.

At the end of the show, everyone in the audience applauded. Some people in the audience even stood up to give us more applause! Mrs. Cooper made one last announcement: "You were great in rehearsals but your performance this afternoon was even greater."

After the show, we had cookies and juice in our classroom. We were getting hot inside our costumes. But no one wanted to take off their costumes. We were enjoying the celebration of our success!

