Llama Llama – Live!

School Show Study Guide from the Artist

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About the Show

It’s bedtime for Baby Llama! He’s taken his bath, brushed his teeth, and tUCKed himself in, but for some reason, he can’t fall asleep. Even with the help of a bedtime story, his eyes just won’t stay closed! Nighttime can be spooky, especially when Llama is all alone and Mama is downstairs doing who-knows-what! Luckily, Llama has his three favorite toys to help him. Join Baby Llama, his Mama, and his friends Fuzzy, Dino, and Robot for an evening of music, dance, and the famous red pajamas.

*Inspired by the book Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney, adapted for the stage by Austin Zumbro.*

*Some of the activities in this study guide were based on those from http://www.llamallamabook.com*

Who are the actors in the show, and what characters will they be playing?

- Xavier Ali as Fuzzy
- Elisha X. Beston as Dinosaur
- Andrew Mondello as Robot
- Sheila Townsend as Mama
- Kris Williams as Llama
Before the Show

Read the book!

*Llama Llama Red Pajama* by Anna Dewdney

**Theatre Etiquette**

It’s helpful to review the rules of theatre etiquette before seeing a show, especially since this may be the first live theatre experience for some of your students. Please take a moment to discuss the following pointers prior to seeing the performance.

- Use the restroom before seeing the show as we do not have intermission during our school performances.
- Be respectful to the performers and other people in the audience by not talking during the performance. Remember, the actors can see and hear the audience just like you can see and hear them.
- Appropriate responses such as applause or laughter are always welcome.
- No photography or videotape recording of any kind. Please turn off all cell phones!
Baby Llama's Bedtime Routine

TOOTHBRUSH
ROBOT
DINOSAUR
IEBHP
BLANKET
AJTH
EXHP
FS

Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden → and ↓.

BATH
BLANKET
DINOSAUR
FUZZY
LULLABY
MAMA
PAJAMAS
PILLOW
ROBOT
STORY
TOOTHBRUSH
Rhyming Llama!

The Llama Llama books and the musical both use a lot of rhyming words! Rhyming words have the same end-sounds, like “llama” and “pajama.” Can you use the hints to fill in rhyming words below? <Optional word bank: commas, drama, mama>

Baby Llama is so tired! So he puts on his **pajamas**

But before he goes to sleep, he needs a story from his ____________

At school, he practiced proper grammar, using periods and ____________

But now he throws a temper tantrum! Llama’s causing so much ________!

**ADVANCED:** Llama Llama Live also uses a lot of slant rhymes, which are words that don’t rhyme perfectly but still sound very similar, like “llama” and “nirvana.” Can you use the hints to fill in slant rhymes below? <Optional word bank: Bahamas, samba, sauna.>

Llama’s having trouble sleeping, even in his red pajamas.

Underneath the covers it’s so hot that it could be a ____________!

Llama’s feet are fidgety, it looks as if he’s dancing a ______________.

When he tries relaxing, he imagines he’s in the ______________.
Discussion Questions/Free-Write

• When Llama tells his Mama about his first day of school, he starts by remembering only the sad and scary parts, but he eventually comes to realize that he had a good experience. Can you think of a time when you were scared to do something, but it ended up being fun? What was it like?

• Llama’s favorite thing in the whole world might be his red pajamas. He wears them every night! Do you have a favorite set of pajamas? Or maybe another favorite outfit that you wear a lot? What about it do you like?

• Fuzzy, Dino, and Robot are Llama’s favorite toys! When he’s in bed, he imagines that they talk to him and help him fall asleep. Do you have favorite toys? Maybe toys that you need to have every night before you fall asleep? If they could talk to you, what do you imagine they’d say?

• Llama can’t fall asleep, even when he tries really hard! He tries reading a story, guided meditation, and some stretches, but he still can’t fall asleep! Have you ever had a hard time falling asleep? How did it make you feel? What techniques do you use to help yourself fall asleep?

• While Llama is trying to get to sleep, he wonders what sorts of things Mama does after she puts him to bed. Although she’s really getting all sorts of chores done, he imagines all sorts of funny and silly possibilities. What sorts of silly things might adults in your life do after they put you to bed? Use your imagination!

• When Llama has his temper tantrum, what do you think he could have done differently so as not to scare Mama? Have you had temper tantrums before that you think might have gone better if you had acted in a different way?
Maze Activity

Help Llama find his way to the library!
Writing and Drawing Activity

Dear Llama Llama Live Cast,

My favorite part of your show was __________________________

__________________________

__________________________.

This is a picture of my favorite part of the show:

When I watched the show, I felt __________________________

because __________________________

__________________________.

If I were in the show, I would want to play the part of ____________

because __________________________

__________________________.

Sincerely,

Name: ________________ Grade: ____ School: ______________

We love hearing from our audiences! Teachers, please send these letters to:
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