

PRANCING, DANCING LILY Activities for Educators, Students, and Parents:

***Rhyming Lily Activities:**

In one of Lily's letters to Mamoo, she writes:

I paddle rolled and shuffle hopped.
I tapped so hard, I couldn't stop.
I scraped my nose. I skinned my knee.
I don't think cruising is for me.

Have you ever been anywhere or done anything that just didn't feel right for you?

Make up a rhyme telling us about it, like....

I caught the ball and away I sped,
Then tripped and fell right on my head.
Maybe football's not for me.
I think I'll brew a cup of tea.

Now let's get positive. Later in the story Lily writes:

Guess what! I know the place for me.
And a dance that fits us perfectly.
We'll dance a line with drum and bell.
I'm coming home now. All is well.

Write a four-line rhyme about what fits you perfectly.

I like animals. They like me.
Chimps and dogs and.... even fleas.
When I grow up, brave and tall,
I want to be like Jane Goodall.

***Dancing Lily Puppets:**

Draw a picture of Lily dancing one of her favorite dances. (You may use the dances in *Prancing, Dancing Lily* as models.) Color your drawing, cut it out, and paste it onto a wooden stick, like a tongue depressor. Now you can have Lily dance or create "Lily" skits with your friends.

***Lily Bookmarks:**

Here's how you can design your own bookmark.

- 1) Choose the size you want to make your bookmark. (If you already have a bookmark, you can use it as a model.)
- 2) Use a ruler and draw your bookmark on a piece of paper. (Heavy paper works nicely for bookmarks.)

- 3) Draw your *Prancing, Dancing Lily* design. You can choose a picture from my book, *Prancing, Dancing Lily* and draw a similar design or you can change the picture to your own style or you can think of a dance you'd like Lily to try and draw Lily dancing it.
- 4) Color your design.
- 5) Cut out your bookmark.
- 6) Go find a book to read, so you can use your bookmark!