

ALLIGATORS / CROCODILES

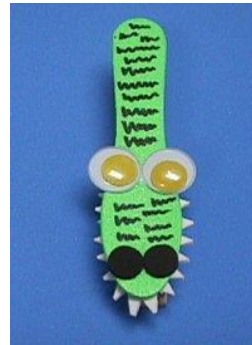
ART

EGG CARTON CROCODILE

Cut an egg carton in half. Place the cup portions together to form the crocodile's teeth and tape the cut edge. Glue on eyes and paint green. If desired, add a crocodile body using green material. Put hand into back of carton to use like puppet.

ALLIGATOR MAGNETS

Material: Wood clothespin
Wood craft spoon
White construction paper or foam
Green construction paper or foam
Magnet
Green paint or magic marker
Wiggle eyes
Two small black dot stickers
Black magic marker
Glue



1. Paint craft spoon green and let dry..
2. Attach the magnet to one side of the clothespin.
3. Cut teeth from white foam
4. Glue the teeth to the bottom of the green wood craft spoon.
5. Glue the craft spoon to the top of the clothespin (the opposite side of the magnet).
6. Glue the wiggle eyes and the small black dots (nose) on the top of the craft spoon.
7. Decorate body with black marker..

ALLIGATOR TAILS

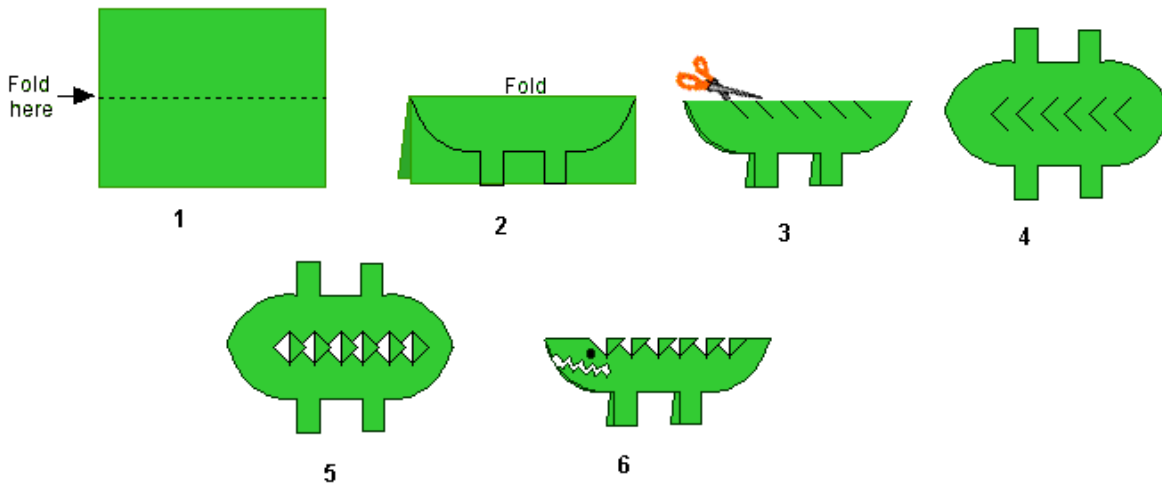


Cut a long triangular shape from construction paper. Cut several smaller triangles. Glue small triangles to large triangle to make spiky tail. Pin to back of shirt to make a tail.

STAND-UP ALLIGATOR

1. Fold paper in half.
2. Draw alligator on paper.
3. Cut 6 diagonal slits on fold.
4. Unfold paper
5. Fold over slits to form little triangles.
6. Draw on face - Cut teeth if desired.

SONGS



ALLIGATOR AND CROCODILE (to tune of "Do Your Ears Hang Low?")

Did you ever smile?
At a hungry crocodile?
Or say, "Hey, I'll see you later,"
To a growling alligator?
You would find it worth your while
To avoid the crocodile?
Did you ever smile?

DID YOU EVER SEE AN ALLIGATOR? (to tune of "Did you Ever See a Lassie?")

Did you ever see an alligator,
An alligator, an alligator?
Did you ever see and alligator,
With great big sharp teeth?

He's big and he's green
And sometimes he's mean
Did you ever see and alligator,
With great big sharp teeth?

GAMES

CROCODILE HUNT

Put paper circle on floor or mark off a circle with tape for a pond. One child sits on floor in circle. Child crawls along like crocodile. Suddenly stand up, spot victim. When he stands, all must freeze. All who don't are captured and out of game.

WHO HAS THE ALLIGATOR?

Cut out an Alligator shape. Have everyone close his or her eyes while you give one child the cut out. Then have your children guess who has the Alligator

FEED THE ALLIGATOR

Draw a large Alligator face on a piece of poster board or the side of a box. Cut a hole out where the Alligator's mouth would be and add paper teeth (make it at least twice the size of the beanbag). Tape the board to a chair and let each of your children take three tries to feed the Alligator (by throwing a beanbag into the Alligator's mouth)

OTHER FUN SUFF

WALKING IN THE SWAMP

Here is a group large motor activity game: Use large blue tarp, sheet or felt etc. Place a stuffed or plastic alligator on the sheet. Line up the children. As you cross the "swamp" chant, "I'm walking, I'm walking, I'm walking across the swamp. I hope that alligator doesn't go chomp." Encourage the children to make an alligator chomping gesture by bringing arms and hands down together. Continue by interjecting other movements such as: I'm swimming, I'm swimming, I'm swimming across the swamp. I hope that alligator doesn't go chomp. Can also do tiptoeing, jumping etc.

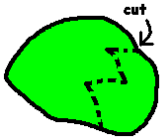
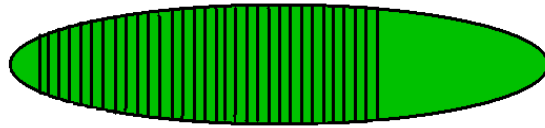
ALLIGATOR NEST

Build an alligator nest from a large box. Cover box with green cloth or construction paper. Place leaves and sticks in the box. Children can sit in the box while the read about alligators.

SNACKS

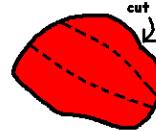
CUCUMBER CROCODILE

Cut $\frac{3}{4}$ of a large cucumber into thin slices. Leave rest whole.



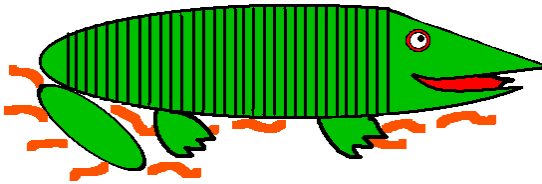
Cut 4 feet from a green bell pepper

Cut a tongue from a red bell pepper



Cut 2 rounds of a radish for eyes

Cut a long wedge off the uncut end of the cucumber. Save this piece for the tail. Cut a slit for the mouth.



Fix the eyes with toothpicks and add 2 peppercorns for pupils. (don't eat! just for decoration) Add feet, tail and tongue. Optional: grate several carrots to make grass for croc to lie in.

CROCODILE HOAGIE

For 6 servings...

1 loaf French bread

Mayonnaise

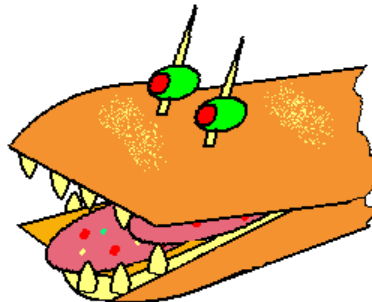
6 ounces cheese

1 pound sliced meats

3 toothpicks

12 whole blanched almonds

2 pimento stuffed olives



1. Cut bread in half lengthwise so the pieces lay one on top of the other.
2. Spread halves with mayonnaise. On the bottom half, layer cheese slices, top with meat. (This will be croc's tongue.)
3. Put the two halves of bread back together. Bend back the top half about two thirds of the way from one end. The long section will be the croc's mouth. Prop it open by placing a toothpick on the end.
4. Stick the almonds around the bottom and top edges of the mouth for teeth. (A dab of cheese spread on the almonds will help them stick in bread.)
5. Attach the olives onto the top for eyes.

FINGERPLAYS

ALLIGATOR BATH

Alligator, alligator jump right in,
Alligator, alligator brush your skin.
Alligator, alligator wash your nose
Alligator, alligator wash your toes.
Alligator, alligator clean the tub.
Alligator, alligator, rub-a-dub
Alligator, alligator pull the plug
Alligator, alligator, glug, glug, glug!
Alligator, alligator draining away
Alligator, alligator, come back to play!

ALLIGATOR, ALLIGATOR

Alligator, alligator,
Long and green (form alligator with four fingers and thumb)
Alligator, alligator,
Teeth so mean. (open and close fingers and thumb.)
Snapping at a fly,
Snapping at a bee, (snap with fingers and thumb.)
Snapping at a frog,
But you can't catch me! (continue snapping, then shake head.)

ALLIGATOR PIE

Alligator, alligator (open and close hands like an alligator's mouth)
Alligator pie.
If I don't get some,
I think I'm gonna cry. (pretend to cry)
You can take away the grass, (wiggle fingers like grass blowing)
Take away the sky, (hands over head)
But don't take away (Alligator's mouth again)
My Alligator pie.

THE ALLIGATOR

The alligator likes to swim (2 hands flat, one on top of other)
Sometimes his mouth opens wide (hands open and shut)
But when he sees me on the shore (hands go between legs)
Down under the water he'll hide.

5 HUNGRY CROCODILES

(Can be done as a flannelboard)

5 hungry crocodiles each made a wish (hold up 5 fingers)

5 hungry crocodiles wished for a fish. (wiggle hand)

Along came a purple fish.

Snap! went a crocodile. (clap)

Mmm-Mmm! (rub tummy)

That left

4 hungry crocodiles each made a wish. (hold up 4 fingers)

4 hungry crocodiles wished for a fish. (wiggle hand)

Along came a red fish.

Snap! went a crocodile. (clap)

Mmm-Mmm! (rub tummy)

That left...

REPEAT WITH 3, 2, 1

THE CROCODILE

She sailed away on a summer's day

On the back of a crocodile (right hand on back of left, right fingers even with left palm)

"You see," said she,

"It's as plain as plain can be,

I'll go sailing down the Nile." (sway)

The Croc winked his eye, (wink)

As she waved them all good-bye, (wave)

Wearing a happy smile. (smile)

At the end of the ride,

The lady was inside (open and shut hands like mouth)

And the smile on the crocodile! (smile)

MONKEYS & THE CROC

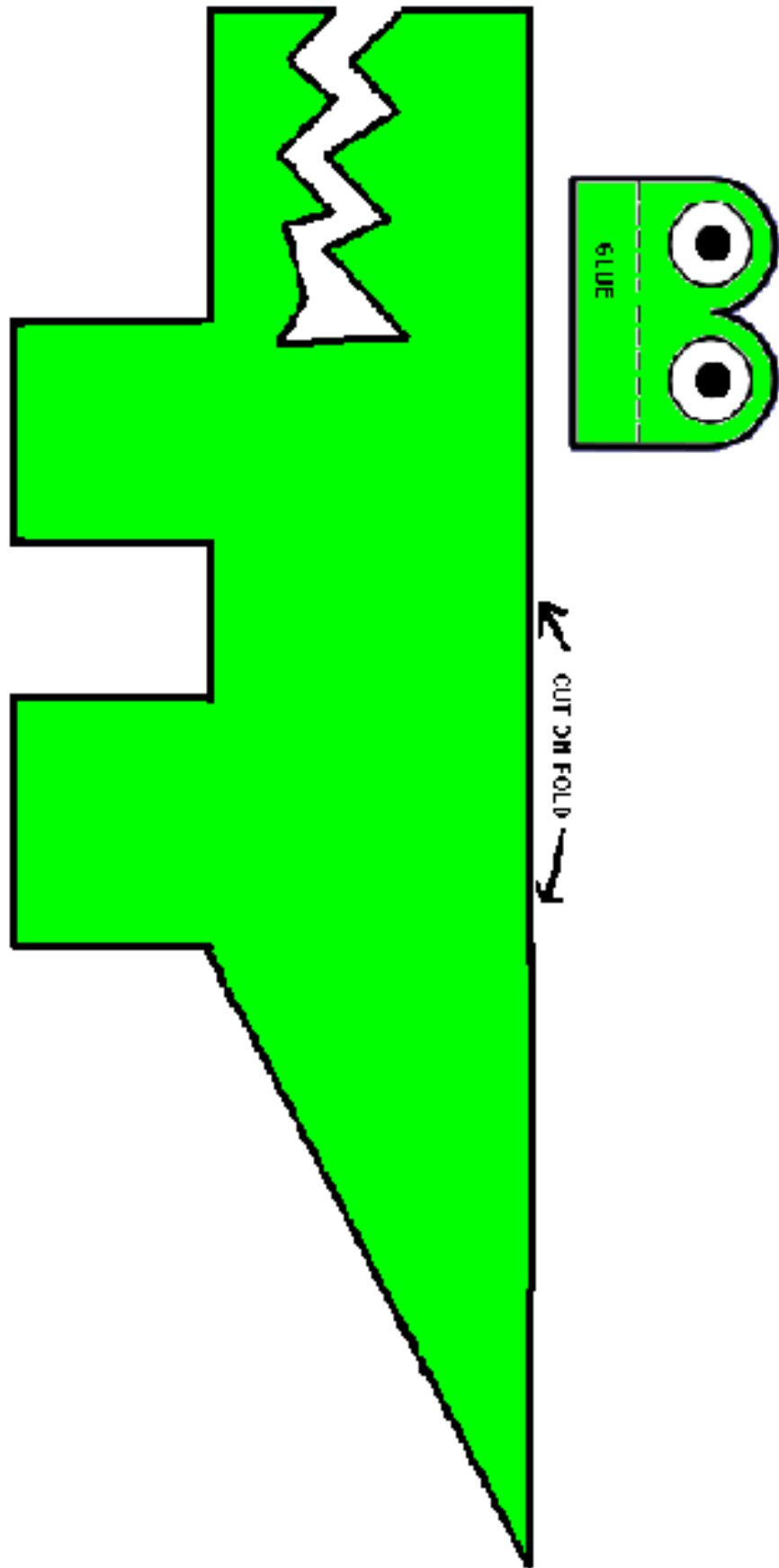
5 little monkeys sitting in a tree (hold up 5 fingers)

Teasing Mr. Crocodile, "Can't catch me!" (Thumbs in ears, wave fingers)

Along came Mr. Crocodile,

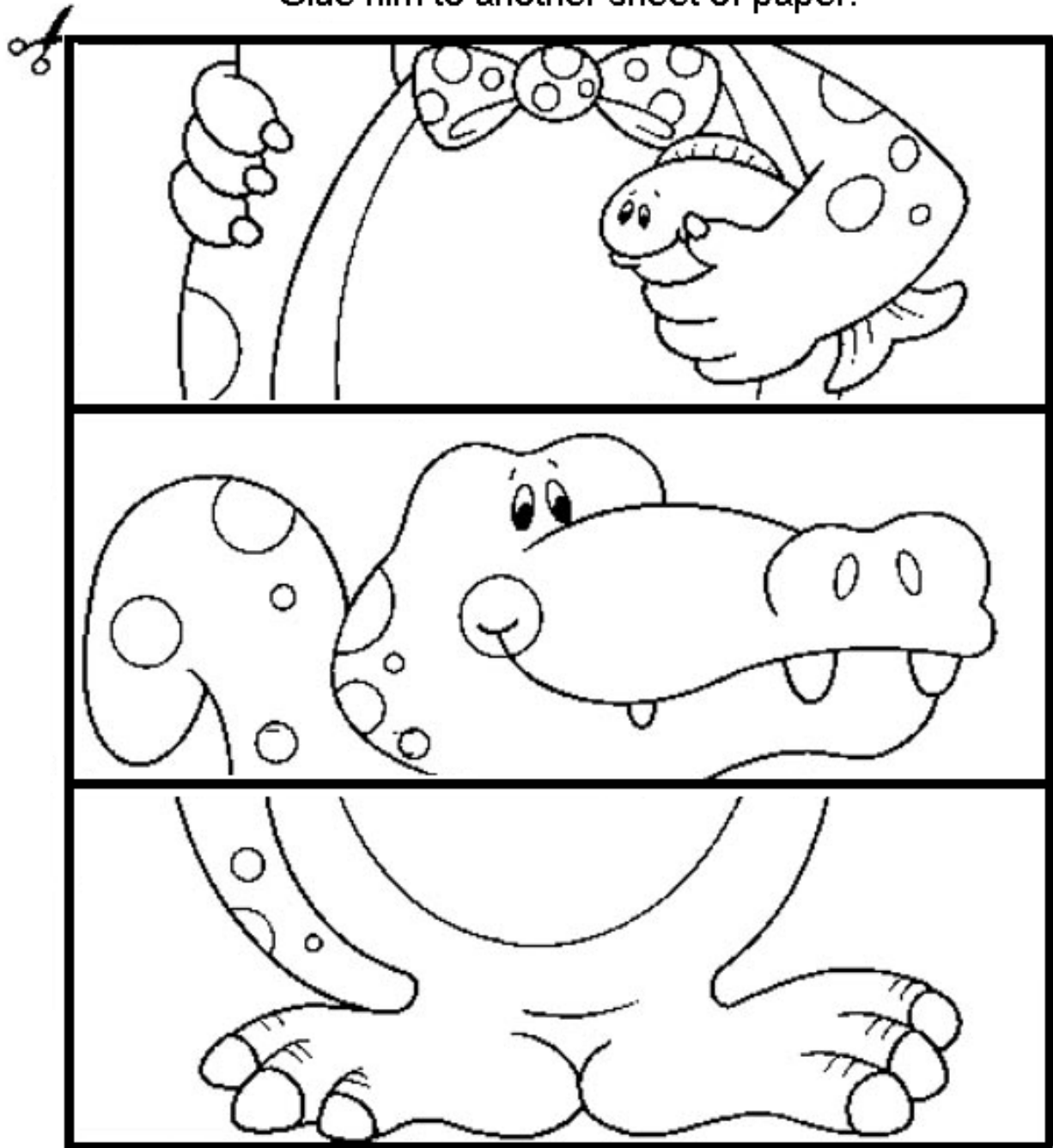
With mouth open wide. (make croc mouth with hand)

Snap! One little monkey down inside! (repeat with other fingers)



STAND-UP ALLIGATOR -- cut so back is on fold. Glue on eyes. Decorate if desired.

Allie Gator is mixed up. His head's at his waist.
You can fix him up with scissors and paste.
Cut on the solid lines. Arrange Allie in the correct order.
Glue him to another sheet of paper.



ALLIGATOR & CROCODILE BOOKS

CALL NUMBER	AUTHOR	TITLE
J 398.2 MAD	Maddern	Rainbow Bird
J 398.2 SIE	Sierra	Counting Crocodiles
J 597.9		This section has books on alligators and crocodiles
J 811.54 YOL	Yolen	Alligator's Smile And Other Poems
E ARNOSKY	Arnosky	Babies In The Bayou
E ARTELL	Artell	Three Little Cajun Pigs
E BAKER	Baker	Mr. And Mrs. Green (series)
E BECKER	Becker	Christmas Crocodile
E BEDFORD	Bedford	Copy Crocs
E BEDFORD	Bedford	Two Tough Crocs
E BERGMAN	Bergman	Snip Snap! What's That?
E BROWN	Brown	Where's My Mommy?
E BRYAN	Bryan	Girl And Her Gator
E BYNUM	Bynum	Kiki's Blankie
E CHEN	Chen	Guji Guji
E CHORAO	Chorao	Ed And Kip
E CHRISTELOW	Christelow	Five Little Monkeys Sitting In A Tree
E CHRISTELOW	Christelow	Five Little Monkeys Wash The Car
E CHRISTELOW	Christelow	Jerome Camps Out
E COUSINS	Cousins	Maisy, Charley, And The Wobbly Tooth
E DAHL	Dahl	Enormous Crocodile
E DELASCASAS	de la Casas	Cajun Cornbread Boy
E DEPAOLA	dePaola	Bill And Pete (series)
E DERRICK	Derrick	I'm The Scariest Thing In The Jungle
E DONNIO	Donnio	I'd Really Like To Eat A Child
E DOUCET	Doucet	Alligator Sue
E DUMLETON	Dumbleton	Dial-a-croc
E EATON	Eaton	Okay, Andy!
E EMBERLEY	Emberley	Crocodile And The Scorpion
E FALATKO	Falatko	Snapsy The Alligator Did Not Ask To Be In This Book
E FINLAY	Finlay	Little Croc's Purse
E FLEMING	Fleming	Gator Gumbo
E FREEDMAN	Freedman	Where's Your Smile, Crocodile?
E FUGE	Fuge	Watch Out, Little Wombat
E GALDONE	Galdone	Monkey And The Crocodile
E GERRARD	Gerrard	Croco'nile
E GORDON	Gordon	Herman And Rosie
E GRAVETT	Gravett	Odd Egg
E GREENBERG	Greenberg	Crocs!
E GRETZ	Gretz	Frog, Duck, And Rabbit
E HEBERTCOLLINS	Herbert-Collins	Petite Rouge – A Cajun Twist To An Old

E HENKES	Henkes	Tale
E HUGGINS	Huggins	Egg
E HURD	Hurd	Trosclair And The Alligator
E JARVIS	Jarvis	Mama Don't Allow
E KETTEMAN	Ketteman	Alan's Scary Teeth
E KIM	Kim	Three Little Gators
E KIRK	Kirk	100th Customer
E KLEVEN	Kleven	Jack And Jill
E KRASNOSKY	Krasnosky	Carousel Tale
E KRAUSE	Krause	See You Later, Alligator
E KULKA	Kulka	Nick And The Nasty Knight
E KUNHARDT	Kunhardt	My Crocodile Does Not Bite
E KUNHARDT	Kunhardt	Danny's Christmas Star
E LAKIN	Lakin	Danny's Mystery Valentine
E LAKIN	Lakin	Beach Day!
E LAROCHELLE	LaRochelle	Rainy Day!
E LEHRHAUPT	Lehrhaupt	It's A Tiger!
E LEWIN	Lewin	Warning – Do Not Open This Book
E LEXAU	Lexau	You Can Do It!
E LIES	Lies	Crocodile And Hen
E LIONNI	Lionni	Gator Dad
E LIONNI	Lionni	Extraordinary Egg
E LLOYD	Lloyd	Cornelius
		Murilla Gorilla And The Hammock
		Problem
E MALKIN	Malkin	Pinky's Sweet Tooth
E MARCELLINO	Marcellino	I, Crocodile
E MAYER	Mayer	There's An Alligator Under My Bed
E MCALLISTER	McAllister	Just Like Sisters
E MCCARTHY	McCarthy	See You Later, Alligator
E MCDERMOTT	McDermott	Monkey – A Trickster Tale From India
E MERINO	Merino	Crocodile Who Didn't Like Water
E MONTANARI	Montanari	Crocodile's True Colors
E MORGAN	Morgan	Helpful Betty Solves A Mystery
E MOSS	Moss	Cajun Night After Christmas
E MOZELLE	Mozelle	Zack's Alligator
E MOZELLE	Mozelle	Zack's Alligator Goes To School
E NOLEN	Nolen	Max And Jax In Second Grade
E NORMAN	Norman	Crocodaddy
E NOVAK	Novak	Gertie And Gumbo
E OBYRNE	O'Byrne	Open Very Carefully – A Book With Bite
E ORMEROD	Ormerod	Baby Swap
E PALATINI	Palatini	No Biting, Louise
E PANZIERI	Panzieri	Kindhearted Corcodile
E PARSLEY	Parsley	If You Ever Want To Bring An Alligator
		To School, Don't!
E PAYE	Paye	Mrs. Chicken And The Hungry Crocodile

E PIZZOLI	Pizzoli	Watermelon Seed
E PROTOPODESCU	Protopopescu	Two Sticks
E RAYNER	Rayner	Solomon Crocodile
E RICE	Rice	Gaston The Green-Nosed Alligator (series)
E ROWE	Rowe	I Want A Hug
E RUBEL	Rubel	Conga Crocodile
E RYLANT	Rylant	Alligator Boy
E SADLER	Sadler	Elizabeth And Larry
E SAYRE	Sayre	Crocodile Listens
E SCHWARZ	Schwarz	How To Find Gold
E SCHOTTER	Schotter	When Crocodiles Clean Up
E SENDAK	Sendak	Alligators All Around
E SIERRA	Sierra	What Time Is It, Mr. Crocodile?
E SMITH	Smith	Foxy And Egg
E SOBEL	Sobel	Shiver Me Letters – A Pirate ABC
E SPANYOL	Spanyol	Carlo And The Really Nice Librarian
E STEVENSON	Stevenson	No Laughing, No Smiling, No Giggling
E STOVER	Stover	Alamo Across Texas
E THOMASSIE	Thomassie	Feliciano Meets d’Loup Garou
E URBANOVIC	Urbanovic	Duck And Cover
E USUI	Usui	Fantastic Mr. Wani
E VANWRIGHT	Van Wright	When An Alien Meets A Swamp Monster
E VROMBAUT	Vrombaut	Clarabella’s Teeth
E WABER	Waber	Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile (series)
E WALSH	Walsh	For Pete’s Sake
E WARING	Waring	Alberto The Dancing Alligator
E WARNES	Warnes	Dangerous
E WARNES	Warnes	Warning! Do Not Touch!
E WELLS	Wells	Hands Off, Harry!
E WELLS	Wells	Kindergators (series)
E WILLANS	Willans	Wait! I Want To Tell You A Story
E WILLEMS	Willems	Hooray For Amanda & Her Alligator
E WOJTOWYCZ	Wojtowycz	Elephant Joe, Brave Knight
E ZEVEREN	van Zeveren	That’s Mine!
E ZIEFERT	Ziefert	Egad Alligator!
E ZUILL	Zuill	Dance Is For Everyone

DVDs

J 597.98 GAT	Gators & Dragons And Other Wild Beasts
J 791.43 BAC	Back-To-School Stories (Monty)
J 791.43 CHA	Charlie And Lola – Five, But I Am An Alligator And More Stories!
J 791.43 CHI	Children’s Stories From Africa (Kafumbi & The Crocodile)
J 791.43 FIV	Five Lionni Classics (Cornelius)
J 791.43 WHE	Where The Wild Things Are (Alligators All Around)

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Wiggles – Wiggly Safari

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