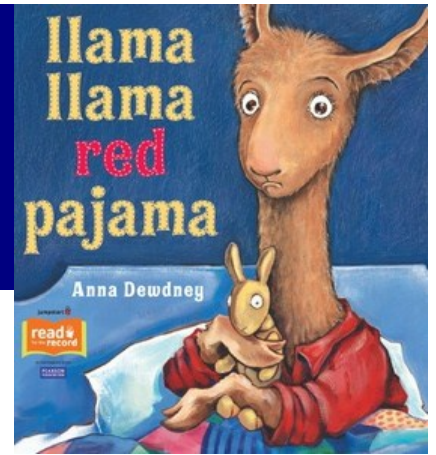


## Pre-K Essential Literature

# Llama Llama Red Pajama

by Anna Dewdney



- Dress in red pajamas and act out the story
- Make up gestures for calling mama to match feelings
- Draw a picture of your favorite character in the story
- Give cardboard squares as patterns for cutting and tracing practices
- Pick a favorite toy to hold while waiting for mama to come
- Create a memory from birthday cards or gift wrap
- Discuss llamas and what they do
- Take a trip to a farm or zoo. See if there are llamas there and talk about them
- Read *Is Your Mama a Llama* and compare with *Llama Llama Red Pajama*
- Draw a picture of your favorite toy and how it keeps you calm when you are scared.

### Llama Llama Patterns- Math

- Patterns help children see the order of things and how things follow one after the other.
- In the story Llama Llama sleeps on a beautiful patchwork pattern quilt. Talk about patterns on the quilt and how they look. Next give your child six pieces of construction paper and glue them together in order to make a family quilt. Allow them to glue their six pieces of construction paper together on a piece of card stock to make a patch. Next you will make your patch. Then tape both pieces together on a bigger piece of paper.
- At the end of the activity both of you will have a family quilt to display and explore patterns.

### Llama Rhymes

- Rhyming Simon Says: You are Simon When you say two words that rhyme, your child takes; if not they stay still
- Add another piece to this game in that the child can touch their nose or pat their head when a rhyme is heard.
- Switch and allow the child to be Simon while you move.

### Llama Llama Feelorama

- We have different feelings when we are away from our parents or they are gone too long. We sometimes feel scared, lonely, anxious, angry or nervous when we can't see our parents as often as we like. Discuss with your child times when they have had these feelings and what they can do to feel better.
- Llama Llama sings to himself in order to feel better when he is lonely or he holds on to his stuffed animal. Being able to soothe yourself is a big step in learning to be independent. Discuss other ways to soothe themselves at home.

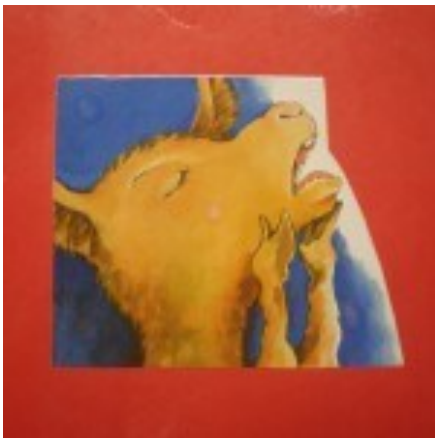
### Llama, Camels, Horses Oh My

Go to a farm or zoo and look at llamas, camels and horses. Discuss how they are the same and how they are different. Play dress up like one of the animals to see how they move.

## Looking beyond the cover: *Llama Llama Red Pajama*

### About the Author

Dewdney began her career illustrating a variety of books for both children and adults. She gained critical acclaim in 2005 for *Llama Llama Red Pajama*, the first book she both wrote and illustrated. Her work is known for its emotive content, signature characters, family relationships, and how it addresses the everyday issues of young children. The text of her work is often written in verse; because of this use of rhyming language, and because of Dewdney's reading-advocacy work, her books are often used to promote reading and literacy. The Llama Llama series is highly popular among parents, teachers, and booksellers; in 2011, a Miami, Florida bookseller actually got the Llama Llama character tattooed on her arm for a bookstore event. Dewdney's books have been translated into over eight languages: Chinese, Hebrew, Korean, Indonesian, Vietnamese, Polish, Spanish, and Russian. Partial proceeds from some of her works go toward environmental awareness and conservation efforts, most notably pangolin conservation in southeast Asia. As of 2013, she has written over fourteen children's books



### More Interactive Read Alouds

Interactive read alouds are amazing for emerging, reluctant and non-readers. The music, call and response, repetition, simplicity and other techniques empower children to read these books even before they can really read. They are outstanding for story time.

For close reading, ask children to describe what happens once mama comes to llama. Is he able to go back to sleep and stay asleep?

Here's a list of some of our favorite interactive read alouds:

*Jump, Frog, Jump!* By Robert Kalan

*Yo! Yes?* By Chris Raschka

*Down by the Cool of the Pool* by Tony Mitton

*Go Away Big Green Monster* by Ed Emberley

*Press Here* by Herve Tullet

*Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock* by Eric Kimmell

### Check it out!

Like *Llama Llama Red Pajama*? Here are some other great books to check out at Nashville Public Library about friends:

*Llama Llama and the Bully goat*

*Llama Llama time to Share*  
*Llama Llama Mad at Mama*

