

Dear Family: in class today, we explored tempo and different speeds of animal movement.

**Did you know?**

- Tempo is the speed of music.
- Tempo can be fast. Tempo can be slow.
- Animals move in different ways.
- Animals move at different speeds.

**Ask your child:**

- Tell me what “tempo” is.
- Tell me some different tempos.
- Describe how animals move. Do they move at different speeds?

**Vocabulary:**

- tempo – the speed of music as it is played.
- drum – a round container with a flat top and bottom. Drums are sometimes used for playing music.
- beat – a regular sound that a drum makes.
- fast tempo – music that moves with speed.
- medium tempo – music that moves at a middle speed. It is not fast, and it is not slow.
- slow tempo – music that is not fast.

**Activity:**

Help your child write the name of an animal that moves slow and the name of an animal that moves fast. Mark off a space in your home or outdoors with a starting point and an ending point. Use the second hand on a clock or watch as a timer. Move like the slow-moving animal from the start to the finish with your child. Write down how long it took to get from the start to the finish. Next, move like the fast-moving animal. Write down how long it took to get from the start to the finish. Compare the times. Help your child circle the name of the animal that moved the fastest. Send it to school to share with us.