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The place I enjoy most is the zoo. If I had my own way, I'd create my own zoo. I would change the color of my favorite animals and let them out of their cages, too!



No need to be scared of what the animals would do because animals are our friends and ITS MY ZOO!



The adults all agree that we should be entertained and amused while they walk around and see animals shows. They could get to know one another: observe, laugh and relax while strolling with each other.



Yellow and blue polka dot rhinos rejoicing while we play in the water.
Look at our water reflections.
Do you see the calm animals making human connections?



Let's run to the tank. Look at the aquatic animals I designed.
Tie-dye shells on sea turtles and a metallic shimmering octopus swimming in foaming bubbles.
You can design some animals, too. If you ask your parents to visit my zoo!



Jellyfish dancing and talking turtles at my zoo.
What else do you think the animlas should do?
My friends and I play sea animals peak-a-boo.



Slithering snakes do not bite at my zoo.
They are brightly colored and smell like baking sugar cookies, its true!
They sing songs around trees.
If you pet them, they will smile and take pictures, too!



Here come our anaconda friends after taking a nap before our zoo party begins.



At my zoo, there are free giraffe rides.
There is always a long line for the giraffe races.
Let's see who wins first, second or third in race places.



Some of the visitors hop on a giraffe and watch.
They cheer on their friends while looking over tough to see spots.



Some of the visitors go on a zoo safari riding giraffes and seeing balloons all around.



Here at my zoo, kids are in charge. So, we ride and explore all day.
No matter what worries you had before, they all fade away.



I created this zoo for every kid to smile and discover with me.
We can stay all day, spend the night and watch animals
camouflaging.



Make a wish in the dream pond as the rhino family joins in.
I use to be nervous around animals but at my zoo they are all our friends.



At my zoo, you can go into fish land even if you can't swim because the water is really blue raspberry oxygenated juice. You can breathe in the water while the fish swim loose.



In the I Spy Zoo cove, mermaids join us to see the underwater show. Performing is a choir of harmonizing seahorses and rapping turtles that glow.



If we spend the night, we will see another show.
The grand finale will be a purple whale tapdancing and
all the water turns to glowing snow.



Hermit crabs feel safe to come out of their shells at the I Spy Zoo.
When you look inside they switch their shells and fart a
bubble message, too!



During our gorilla storytime, we listen to their stories and teach them our hand games. Would you like to know what I realized? Our kindness is the same.



Next, we have snack time.

We nibble on banana pretzels and drink fruit slushies that don't even cost a dime.



I Spy Zoo has an all day party and you never have to take a break.
Like when you're at school and do so much and need to rest
your brain for goodness sake.



Smile at the camera and strike a pose of your
I Spy Zoo memory I suppose.



Since you will not spend the night at my I Spy Zoo,
there is one more show I have just for you.



SURPRISE! The penguins are up on their feet to do a front stage show and a final meet and greet.



Boy, what a time we had and it flew right by.
We met forever animal pals and ate cotton candy
delicious and blue! I'm so glad I created this gift for you.
Now, we are all a part of the I Spy Zoo family crew.



Marlena Smith is a high-spirited educator who has been teaching for nearly two decades. She acknowledges that books are her happy place to cheer children on to discover their awesomeness! Marlena lives in Houston, Texas with her family.

I Spy Zoo is a story of wonder and creativity. A child is the artist who creates their own intereresting zoo for friends to explore and enjoy. What will the adults think about this idea?