SYNOPSIS:
You might not think of penguins as brave or daring but wait until you see what they have to do to raise a family. From trekking miles in blizzards to going months without eating, these penguins are willing to do whatever it takes to make sure the next generation hatches. So, heat up the fish sticks and get ready to march as we watch “March of the Penguins!”

After the movie, check out our fun activities and games below to bring the adventure from the “March of the Penguins” into your own home!

FOOTPRINT PENGUINS
Penguins are known for being great swimmers who use their flippers to help them glide through the icy water. However, the penguins in the movie had to make their incredible journey a very different way – they had to use their feet to walk! While we don’t have to hike miles in the freezing cold and snow, we can use our feet to make our very own penguins.

To create your footprint penguin:
• Find a blank piece of paper.
• Place the paper on the ground and put one of your bare feet on it.
• Use a pencil to trace your foot, toes and all, or have a partner help you.
• Cut out the traced foot with scissors.
• Hold the paper foot so that the heel is on top and the toes are on the bottom.
• The heel of the foot will be your penguin’s head, while the toes will be your penguin’s feet, flippers and tail!
• Use pencils, crayons, markers or paints to design and decorate your penguin.
• Make your penguin look just like the penguins in the movie or completely different!
• Create as many footprint penguins as you would like, then hang them up where everyone can see!

Looking for more ways to be creative with your footprint penguins?
• Have everyone in your house make footprint penguins and put them all together to form a penguin colony!
• For smaller footprint penguins, decorate them to look more like the penguin chicks in the movie.
• Look up different species of penguins and make footprint penguins for each.
• Draw a scene on another piece of paper and tape your penguins on top.
**PENGUIN RACE**

When the penguin mothers gave their egg to the fathers, it was a race against time to get the egg onto the fathers’ feet without the egg freezing! Do you think you have the penguin-skills to race with something on your feet? To play Penguin Race:

- Set the boundaries for the area you are playing in – you’ll need room to move around!
- Select a starting point for the race and mark it with tape. Select a second point on the other side of the playing area and mark it with tape.
- Find an item to be the “egg.” It can be anything that fits on your feet, from a stuffed animal to a can of food!
- Stand on the starting point and place the egg on your feet.
- When a partner says “Go!” waddle as fast as you can to the second point with the egg on your feet.
- Once you reach the second point, turn around and waddle back to the starting point.
- If your egg falls off of your feet, pick it up and go back to the starting point – you’ll have to start all over again!
- See how many times you can race between the starting point and second point without the egg falling off your feet.

**If you would like an extra challenge in Penguin Race you can:**

- Get a partner to play with you, and race together. See who can get from the starting point to the second point the fastest!
- Play “follow the leader” around your house with the egg and see who can follow the longest without losing the egg.
- Make it a relay race, where you pass off your egg to a partner – without using your hands!

**LET’S READ!**

Find a comfortable spot and read together! Here are some ideas to get you started:

- *Penguins* by Liz Pichon
- *Eyes on Nature: Penguins* by Jane Parker Resnick
- *Penguins Can’t Fly* by Katherine Sully

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EXPLORE AT HOME
Want to learn more about the penguins or other cool arctic animals?

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https://samnoblemuseum.ou.edu/permanent-exhibits/

or explore our behind-the-scenes collections here
https://samnoblemuseum.ou.edu/collections-and-research/

Visit the links below to learn more about penguins!
The La Brea Tar Pits and Museum
- Audubon Society
  https://www.audubon.org/news/10-cool-reasons-celebrate-penguins
- National Geographic
  https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/birds/group/penguins/

Interested in watching live footage of penguins from the comfort (and warmth!) of your home? Check out the live webcam links below!
- The San Diego Zoo Penguin Cam in San Diego, CA
  https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/cams/penguin-cam
- The Kansas City Zoo King Penguin Cam in Kansas City, MO
  https://www.kansascityzoo.org/ouranimals/list-of-animals/king-penguin/