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## WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE by Maurice Sendak

**Supplies: wild thing masks:** big brown paper grocery bags, streamers, colored cut up paper, glue, scissors, **Max's boat:** a wagon, a pole, a big piece of white paper cut into the shape of a triangle for the sail, masking or packing tape. **Max's costume:** anything resembling a wolf, furry slippers, a wolf hat (make a hat with wolf ears), a onesie pajama set, and a crown

- 1. Make a wild thing mask. Cut a big hole in the side of the bag, for the whole face to fit through. Students decorate with streamers for hair, crazy eyes ears, etc. glue as much colored paper as you want to make it look wild.
- 2. Create boat. Tape the pole you found to the edge/side of the wagon. Tape the paper sail onto the pole for the sail. Use handle to pull "Max" around.
- 3. Decide where to act this out, you will need plenty of room to sail in and out of weeks. Figure out where the island is going to be, as this is where you will end up and have the wild rumpus. Start with reading the story, and when Max's room starts to change, play *Relaxing Forest Sounds* from your HOOPLA app. Talk the kids through pretending they are changing from their room and going into a forest.
- 4. Choose a Max. They will be wearing the wolf costume. He/She will hop into the boat and sail...continue on with the story. If you don't want to read/tell it, again, use your Hoopla/Overdrive App to download the audiobook of Where the Wild things Are. You can stop and start it on your phone as you go along. The rest of the class will be the Wild Things with their masks on.
- 5. Everyone follows along a pre-determined trail to the island. This is where the Wild Things get to act out their parts. Have them Roll their eyes, gnash their teeth (vocabulary teachable moment!!), show their claws. Max tells them to be still.
- 6. Go onto your **Hoopla** app and borrow the sound track to *Where the Wild Things Are Motion Picture Soundtrack: Original Songs by Karen O and The Kids.* Use the Rumpus song for your party, and "let the wild rumpus start!"
- 7. Then, sail back home, play nature sounds along the way and I would then plan to eat snack as Max has his dinner waiting for him when he gets home.



