Family Fun Activity #7
Inside My House: Who’s Been Here?

We’ve been focusing on family fun activities outside in nature. But now we’ll focus on nature - sneaking into your house.

We’re going to make a book about clues – clues left by an animal that snuck into your house - and what happened when you found it - inside your house!

Materials for this activity:
- 7 sheets of paper – printer paper is fine, or 7 sheets of notebook paper
- pencils, markers, color pencils
- a stapler to staple the 7 pages together, or a paper clip to bind/hold the 7 papers together to form a ‘book’

1. Staple - or clip - the 7 sheets of paper together to form a book.

2. Number the pages in your book (this is called paginating your book), starting with the number 1 on the front of your book: continue until you’ve reached the last page, which will be page 14.

3. Draw the front of your house, or apartment (or where you live) on the FRONT of your book – or on page 1. Remember – to include trees that may grow around your house, a fence, driveway – details are good. And then draw the BACK of your house on the back of your book, on page 14. Remember to include details – like trees, a shed, a garden, swings – the more details, the better. On the FRONT of your book, please write: In My House: Who’s Been Here? This is your books’ title. And then write your name somewhere on page 1. You are the author/illustrator of your book.

4. Turn to page 10 -11. Think about an animal that might sneak into your house. It would be a good idea if you know something about the animal, like what it eats, where it sleeps - basic critter facts. This will help you draw the clues it leaves in your house - and book. Draw your animal across pages 10 and 11 – really large, so that your animal covers both pages.
5. Turn to page 3.
   Draw a large detail of the front door of your house/apartment, on page 3.

6. Turn to pages 4 – 5.
   **What is a clue?**
   Some examples of a clue:
   do we leave clues?  Litter, footprints
   do dogs leave clues?  Chewed shoes, muddy footprints
   do cats leave clues?  Hairballs, dead mouse on doorstep
   How about a dinosaur – what clue would it leave?

   You’ll need to think of 3 clues that the animal that snuck into your house left – and draw the first clue across pages 4 – 5…really large!

7. Turn to pages 6 – 7.
   Draw the second clue your animal left in your house across pages 6 & 7 – again – really big clue!

8. Turn to pages 8 – 9.
   Draw the third clue that that sneaky animal left, across pages 8 & 9…a really big clue!
   And, at the bottom of page 9…write these words:
   **Who’s been here?**

   What happened immediately after you discovered the animal in your house…
   Did the animal leave through an open window?
   Did the animal crawl into bed and take a nap?
   Did the animal sit down on the couch and watch a re-run of Star Trek?

   Use your imagination…and draw what happened next
   (after you found that sneaky animal) across pages 12 & 13!

   Once you’ve completed page 12 - 13, your book is finished! YEAH!!

Read your book to your family, and have them guess…**what animal snuck into their house?**

**Remember to color the illustrations in your book!**