



Literacy Grab & Go Toddlers (1½ - 2-year-olds)

Activity Title: Picture Walks

Domain: Literacy

Activity Purpose: Reading the words is just one part of reading books with your child. You can read the pictures too.

Rationale

Reading with your children is as much about quality time as it is expanding listening comprehension and reading skills. Focus on growing their love of reading by making reading time as enjoyable as possible.

Materials: books

Description of Activity:

1. When reading books with words, take a “picture walk” first.
2. During your picture walk, stop on each page and point to different parts of the pictures and words on a page and ask, “What’s that?” Your prompts will help your child recognize the relationship between pictures and print.

Lagniappe: Reading with your child is a good idea anytime. To make the time as enjoyable as possible for you and your child, pick a time that’s not rushed and a place that is comfortable.

Go through the book page by page, encouraging your child to talk about illustrations. For older toddlers, ask questions about what they notice about the characters, setting, or an event that happened in the text.