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DETAILS

Your baby can explore the world through interactions with books. Familiar texts, read repeatedly, are especially attractive. This activity will allow your baby to make his/her own story.

Gather photos of family members, pictures from magazines, and any other images your baby might enjoy. Present them to your baby so he/she can choose which ones will go into a homemade book. Glue each image or photo onto cardboard flaps. Make sure that the flaps are about the same size.

Once all the pictures have been glued down, punch holes in the cardboard and thread ribbon through the holes to create a book.

Look at the pictures of your book with your baby and make up a story to go along with the images. Write the story on the flaps over or under the pictures.

Read the story to your baby and allow him/her to look at his/her pictures often.

BENEFITS

No one is more familiar with a book than its author and helping your child make his/her own book is a great way to foster a sense of expertise within the important realm of literacy. Reading this book aloud will reinforce basic pre-literacy knowledge and grow a love of stories in print.

Benefits include:

- Support for Communication and Language Development
- Introduction to Concepts (Numbers, Letters, Colors, and Shapes)
- Builds Listening, Memory, and Vocabulary
- Beginning Support for Learning About Patterns

Materials:

- Cardboard Flaps in Similar Sizes
- A Variety of Pictures
- Ribbon
- Writing Tools
- Glue
- Hole Punch