

Early Literacy Initiative Storytime  
Plan # 3 Print Awareness

***Opening Early Literacy Tip***

***Print awareness is knowing how to handle a book, and noticing print all around us. It is one of the skills that researchers say is important to know before a child learns to read. Today see if you pick up on some of the things that I do that call the children's attention not only to the pictures but also the print in the books.***

Snip Snap What's That! by Mara Bergman

Point to the big text when saying the words.

The Doghouse by Jan Thomas

Point to the words that are inside a speech bubble and tell kids that's how we know who's saying what.

***Early Literacy Tip***

***When we read picture books to children, researchers have found that 95% of their attention is on the pictures. By occasionally calling their attention to the words in a book, you are helping them realize that it is the text that you are reading not the pictures.***

Rhyme: Open Them, Shut Them

One Lighthouse One Moon by Anita Lobel

Point out that the letters that spell the colors are printed in the color that the word stands for.

***Closing Literacy Tip***

***(Hold up Print Awareness "Stick Puppet")***

***You can also help your children see the relationship between the written and spoken word by using what is called "environmental print" or words that are part of our everyday life, like signs and labels.***

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Wake Up Hands

The Farmer in the Dell

The Cobbler

Take your Little Hands and Go Clap

Fly Like a Bird