



Communication, Language, and Literacy Activity for 54 to 60 Months

Book Factory

This activity provides an opportunity for children to appreciate books and the written word by encouraging them to write and care for their books.

Materials:

- Brads and hole punch or Staples
- Pencils, pens, crayons, and/or markers
- Two pieces of colored construction paper
- Story paper

What to do:

1. Fold pieces of construction paper in half to create front and back covers for the books.
2. Write the words "author" and "illustrator" on the bottom half of the cover side of the construction paper. Draw a long line after each word.
3. Invite the child to the "Book Factory" and have him tell you a story. Write his words on the story paper. Don't fix his grammar; it should sound like the child's voice.
4. Have the child look at a favorite story. Ask questions: What is the title or name of the book? Where is the front of the book? The back of the book? Point out the author's name and explain an author is the person who writes the words of the story. Point out the illustrator's name and explain that an illustrator is the person who draws the pictures.
5. Read the child's story to him and ask him to give it a title.
6. Have the child pick a piece of colored construction paper for the cover, and then write down the title of his book.
7. Encourage the child to write his name next to the word "author" and "illustrator."





BEST BEGINNINGS

Alaska's Early Childhood Investment

8. "Re-read" a passage of the story for him to illustrate.
9. Have the child select another piece of construction paper for the back of the book.
10. Gather the story pages, the front cover, and back of the book. Punch holes through the pages and bind them with the brads (or staple them).
11. Read the completed story to the child. Have him point out the words.
12. Continue to encourage written works by making the "Book Factory" a permanent addition to your home.

