

EARLY LITERACY BEHAVIORS

Book Handling Behaviors

Behaviors related to a child's physical manipulation or handling of books, such as page turning and chewing.

Looking and Recognizing

Behaviors related how children pay attention to and interact with pictures in books, such as gazing at pictures or laughing at a favorite picture. Behaviors that show recognition of and a beginning understanding of pictures in books, such as pointing to pictures of familiar objects.

Picture and Story Comprehension

Behaviors that show a child's understand of pictures and events in a book, such as imitating an action seen in a picture or talking about the events in a story.

Story-Reading Behaviors

Behaviors that include children's verbal interactions with books and their increasing understanding of print in books, such as babbling in imitation of reading or running fingers along printed words.

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