

Books, Books, Books!

Baggie Books

Materials:

zip lock baggies plain paper pictures from magazines
crayons and markers hole punch, scissors yarn or ribbon or brads

Directions:

- * Cut plain paper to fit into a baggie.
- * Decide on a theme: colors, numbers, babies, animals, feeling, etc.
- * Cut out pictures and glue onto the plain paper or draw pictures and write words on the paper.
- * Fit the paper into each baggies and close.
- * Hold the bags together and punch two holes along one side. Thread the yarn or ribbon through the holes and tie, or put a brad in each hole. Cover the brads with tape.
- * If you tie it together on a side other than the zip side, you can easily change the pictures or put “things to do” inside, like a puzzle or matching game.

Shape Books

Materials:

construction paper markers, crayons, pencil stapler and tape

Directions:

- * **Style One:** Cut out several sheets in a particular shape and staple together (cover the staples with tape for safety):
Examples:
 - * Shape of an eye: draw an eye with lid on the cover; each page can say, “My eyes like to see ____.” Or “My eyes don’t like to see ____.”
Child will give you an answer, then have him/her draw a picture to illustrate.
 - * Shape of mouth with tongue: as above, but
“My tongue likes to taste ____.” Or “My tongue doesn’t like to taste ____.”
 - * Shape of nose: as above, but
“My nose likes to smell ____.” Or “My nose doesn’t like to smell ____.”
- * **Style Two:** Cut out a key shape to extend a picture book. Draw the shape on construction paper for a front and back cover; add 2-3 white pages of that shape in the middle. Staple together and cover the staples.
Have the child dictate a story to you or together create your own story. Be sure to include the author and illustrator on the cover.
Examples:
 - * a mitten book after reading “The Mitten”
 - * a train book after reading “Freight Train”
 - * outline of child in snowsuit after reading “The Snowy Day”
 - * a bear book after reading “The Three Bears”

Accordion Book:

Materials:

11" x 17" paper crayons and markers scissors
glue decorations

Directions:

- * Cut a piece of paper 5-1/2" x 17". Fold the paper in half to 5-1/2" x 8-1/2". Fold each half back to the fold accordion style.
- * Decide on a title and story line.
- * Decorate the cover and add the title and author/illustrator.
- * Write your story (and illustrate if desired) on the other 3 pages. You may cut out lined paper to glue onto these pages or write directly on the pages.

One-page Cutout Book:

Materials:

Construction paper glue yarn
Scissors, hole punch

Directions:

- * On paper make an outline of something from your story. (Example: a large tooth if your story is about losing a tooth or a cake if you are writing about a birthday.) Then cut it out.
- * Glue yarn around the outer edge to frame it.
- * Write your story in the middle (or write it on another piece of paper and glue to center of cutout).
- * Hang to display your story.

Time Line Story

Materials:

roll of paper (like shelf paper) or regular sized sheets taped together
glue markers and crayons pictures

Directions:

- * Cut a long piece of paper.
- * Draw a straight line along the length about 3" from the bottom.
- * List the big events in your story, and write them in order across your paper under the line.
- * Illustrate each of the events either with a drawing or cut out and glued picture.

Envelope Book

Materials:

3-4 #10 plain envelopes markers and crayons stapler and tape

Directions:

(This book is patterned after “The Jolly Postman” book that has a story and “sub plots” in each envelope pocket.)

- * Staple the envelopes together along the left side, with the openings in the back.
- * Cover the staples with tape. You will need to tear the envelope flap near the stapled end so the flaps can be opened.
- * Decorate the cover and add author/illustrator. Write the “story” on the front of each envelope. Create a little note or picture to accompany the story to go inside each envelope.

Paper Plate Books

Materials:

two plain paper plates scissors glue
crayons and markers brad ruler

Directions:

- * Divide one plate into 4 or 6 relatively even sections using the ruler and a crayon.
- * Draw and write a portion of the story in each section going around the circle in order of events happening.
- * Using the other plate, cut out a section to be just smaller than one of the sections of the first plate. This is the “cover”, so you can decorate, write the title and author/illustrator.
- * Put the cutout plate on top of the story plate. Poke a hole in the center of both plates and insert the brad.