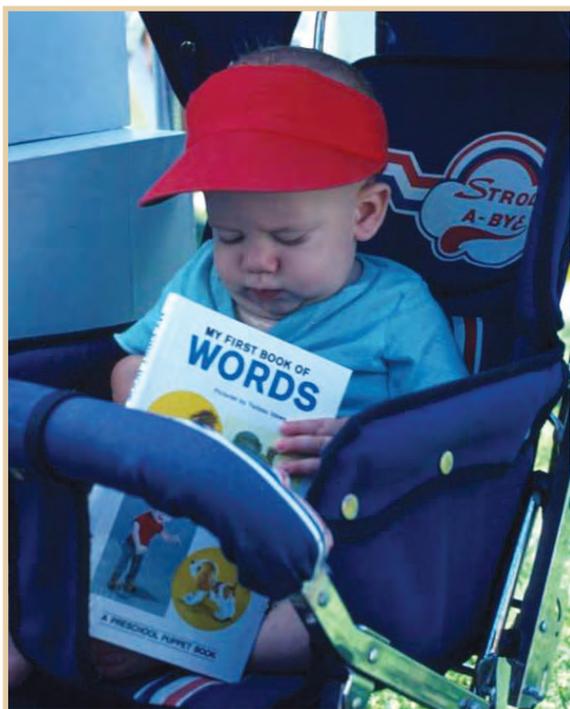


Take a look at more activities in classroom and community

Rhymes & Singing

Sandra is 7 months old. She has become greatly interested in any kind of parent-child play that involves rhymes and singing. Her home visitor taught her to play Peek-a-Boo. When Sandra hears Baby's Eyes or listens to her mother recite Rock a Bye Baby, she squirms and chuckles with joy. Sandra's home visitor and mother brainstormed about ways to include moments of play with rhyming and singing in their everyday routines. Now Sandra's mother plays Peek-a-Boo while changing Sandra's diaper. She plays I'm Gonna Get You while she feeds Sandra and This Little Piggy while getting Sandra dressed and undressed. She recites These Are Sandra's Fingers while they play together on the floor. These are just a few of the ways Sandra's day is now filled with these language and literacy-learning activities.



Action Plan

Bryan, 12 months old, and his mother spend a lot of time on the go. They visit friends, run errands, shop for food, and take part in local events. One of Bryan's favorite things to do at home is have mom or dad read him stories. Bryan's home visitor suggests some fun ways to support Bryan's interest while out and about. Mom and the home visitor make a list of places Mom and Bryan often go. Then they discuss how Mom can provide Bryan reading and storytelling experiences in these places. They include the local library, bookstore, recreation center, supermarket, a neighbor's house, and a children's theatre. Bryan really looks forward to what he will get to do next!

Exhibit: Examples of Literacy-Rich Classroom and Community Activities

- Scribble with crayons or magic markers.
- Play with blocks or letter magnets.
- Listen to music.
- Play Peek-A-Boo and So-Big.
- Play finger games or clapping games.
- Play rhyming games.

- Play with puppets or stuffed animals.
- Talk on the telephone.
- Pretend to talk back and forth on the phone.
- Visit the library.
- Go food shopping.
- Go on family car and bus rides.

