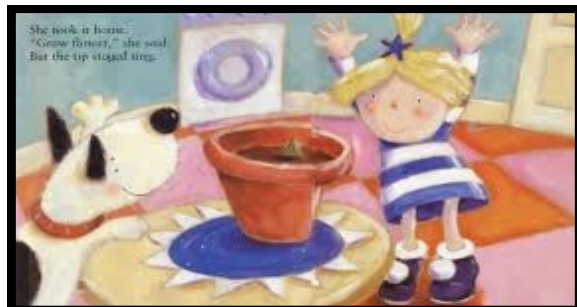




Share a book everyday to create a reader for a lifetime!



Title: Grow Flower, Grow!

Author: Lisa Bruce

Illustrator: Rosalind Beardshaw

Book Summary: Fran and Fred find a flower pot and decide to help the sprout grow. They learn that plants don't really like pizza!

Before Reading, use the following conversation starters to engage your child's interest in the book.

To generate interest in the book, ask your child open-ended questions about the facial expressions of the girl, the dog, and the bees. What makes your child happy?

To develop book awareness, explain to your child that the author and the illustrator write the words and draw the pictures for books.

During Reading, use the following ideas to keep your child actively engaged in the book sharing.

To teach prediction skills, pause as you share the book. Ask your child what s/e thinks will happen next in the story? Continue the conversation by asking why.

To build verbal skills, ask your child to describe the illustrations. Encourage him/her to notice the details of the pictures and describe them. After your child tells you what s/he sees, repeat the descriptions and add a few more details to work on new vocabulary.

After Reading, use the following activities to extend your book sharing experience.

To encourage creativity, take your child on a walk in nature. Look for flowers or leaves, feathers or tree bark. Gather these items to create a book about nature. Encourage your child to add his/her own illustrations to the book too.

To develop personal relevance in learning, help your child make a Growth Chart. Measure your child periodically and record his/her height. You could mark it lightly on a wall or door frame. Talk with your child about habits that will help him/her grow up healthy and strong.

To initiate active play, spend time with your child growing flowers or vegetables from seeds. Ask your child what s/he would like to plant. Talk with your child the care the new seeds will need to grow. As the seeds sprout, take pictures or draw illustrations of the plants as they grow.

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