



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



Title: Miss Mary Mack

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Book Summary: Miss Mary Mack asks her mother for 50 cents to see an elephant jump a fence. But when the elephant comes down, he wants to stay with Miss Mary!

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

To create interest in the book, tell your child that this story has a hand-clapping game that you can learn or you can make up one of your own.

To develop prediction skills, ask your child to look at the cover picture and predict what Miss Mary Mack and the elephant are eating and drinking. S/he will be surprised later to learn that it is hay and peanut tea!

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

To discuss your family traditions, pause and talk with your child about what your family does to celebrate different holidays like the Fourth of July or Thanksgiving.

To stimulate conversation, use the CAR method. Comment on something. Ask your child a question. Respond with details. For example, you could say, "Look at the dogs." "What are they doing?" Your child could say, "They are running." You can respond, "Yes, the brown dogs are chasing the zookeeper."

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

To introduce rhyming skills, explain the term "rhyming words" to your child as words that have the same ending sound. Share examples like "high" and "sky" or "book" and "look." Then reinforce that learning by singing songs with your child. Listen to songs on the radio or make your own.

To teach your child life skills, encourage your child to assist you as you prepare a picnic or tea party. Use your own family recipe. Include your child in measuring and preparing the ingredients. Supervise him/her as you prepare the food together.

To develop healthy habits, create a time every day to be physically active with your child. Incorporate favorite activities such as jumping rope and playing tag with new activities that your child might be interested in learning. Maybe your child would like to learn how to safely ride a bike or do a cartwheel. Make it a fun, family time.

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