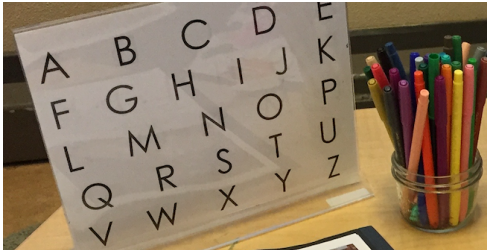
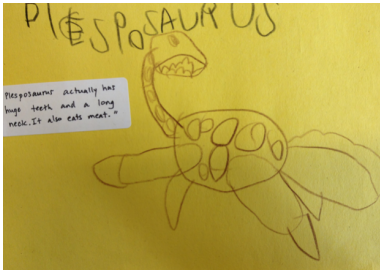


YOU CAN MAKE A BOOK ABOUT THAT!

Using language in creative and playful ways helps us understand how language works.

We are all authors and have a story to tell.

Young authors write about things they know and care about.



GATHER MATERIALS

- Paper and stapler to make your book or use one of your pre made books (see Bookmaking Oct. 13-16).
- Writing and drawing tools (pen, pencil, crayons, felts, etc)
- An Alphabet chart

READ ALONG & THINK

Think about things that you love or like to do. Did you know that you can make a book about it! Here are some ideas:

- Do you know a lot about Dinosaurs? **You can make a book about that!** Think about which dinosaurs you might include. You could use a book to help you or use your imagination. Draw a picture and write each dinosaur name on a page of your book (you can write the first letter of it's name, write the letters you hear or copy from a another book or from the internet.
- Do you like to build with lego? **You can make a book about that!** Think about how you might show others how you made something out of lego and show how you did it? Draw and label each step of your instructions.
- Do you like to go on nature walks with your family? **You can make a book about that!** What could you call it? Watch [I Went Walking](#). What parts of nature do you see on your walks? What will you draw and label?
- Do you like to play with a special friend or family member? **You can make a book about that!** What do you like to play together? Do you pretend to be different characters? Do you create things together?

CREATE & SHARE

- **CHOOSE** the size and shape of the book you want to make
- **CHOOSE** your non-fiction topic- writing about real events or facts that you know about or care about.
- **BEGIN CREATING** your book with drawings.
- **ADD** labels to your drawings by including letters you may know (or squiggly lines just like in A Squiggly Story), or any sounds you hear when you say the word you want to write.
- Having an alphabet chart nearby can also help if you want to try and make the letter or word.
- **TELL** about your book along the way and **SHARE** it with others when you finish.

GO BEYOND

- Make more books about what you love!