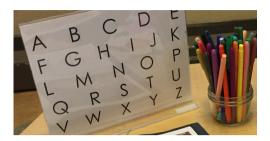


YOU CAN MAKE A BOOK ABOUT THAT!

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!