



Literacy Event/Activity Sheet

Kalkaska CARES believes each preschooler should begin school equipped with skills essential to reading success!

Children Acquiring
Reading Essential Skills
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What?

Open Court Unit 5

Let's Go home extension activity.

Sight words: *you, have, and I*

How?

This "writing travel kit" is a wonderful opportunity to have your child practice "writing." Whether you are going on a long trip or just running to the store, your child can document their travels and sight seeing adventures. The writing travel kit includes a pad of paper and different writing utensils. Have your child write down or draw things they see on the way to your destination. They can tell stories, make a list of grocery items, keep a journal, or even draw a map.

Why?

<p>Oral Language: Have your child talk about the things they are writing or drawing. Ask them to elaborate or use descriptive words. For instance, if they say they see trees, ask them what color or how many.</p>	<p>Letter Knowledge: Choose letters with your child to focus on during your trip. If you pick the letter "S," practice the sound it makes and find other things that start with the same sound like street or store.</p>
<p>Phonological Awareness: Rhyming is a fun piece of phonological awareness. Use this time together to make up your own rhymes like <i>driving in the car, not going very far, follow that star, etc.</i> Children love to make up their own rhymes and songs!</p>	<p>Print Awareness: During your trip out and about, have your child look for different signs (i.e. Stop sign, Yield sign, Do Not Enter sign, etc.). Have them tell you what letters they see and put it in their writing kit.</p>

Ideas for home...

After your child uses the "writing travel kit" in the car, bring it in and talk about how your child used it. If they drew pictures, ask them what they drew. Write down their dictation so they can see the print. If they wrote a story, ask them to read it to you. You can even keep your child's work in an album and track their progress from trip to trip.

Did you know...

Children who are exposed to a variety of books and are read to frequently develop a love and appreciation for books that will last a lifetime.

Oral Language- the language used in speaking and listening.

Phonological Awareness- the sounds of language including rhymes, words, sentences, and syllables.

Alphabet Knowledge- knowing the names and shapes of the letters of the alphabet.

Print Awareness- knowing about print and books and how they are used.