



## Family Literacy Engagement Grab & Go: Build a Book

This activity would be  
best used by:

Schools  Families

### Materials:

- at least two sheets of paper (any kind)
- pencil
- crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- staples (optional)



### Steps:

1. Fold each piece of paper in half hamburger style (like you are folding a greeting card).
2. Stack the pages on top of each other to make a book.
3. If you have staples, you can put two or three staples along the crease to keep it from coming apart.
4. Let your child write a story about a topic you or they have chosen.
  - a. Challenge them to write using descriptive words and sentences that vary in length and expression.
  - b. Depending on your child's age and grade level, encourage them to write as much as they can to tell their story. Ask your child's teacher what would be appropriate for their grade level.
5. Have your child proofread their work.
  - a. Check for spelling errors. Help your child sound out any words that are tricky.
  - b. Check for correct punctuation.
  - c. Add more details to any areas that need a little more.
6. Let your child illustrate their story. Remind them to look at what they wrote on each page and draw a picture that goes along with that part of the story.
7. Let them read their story to you, other family members, or friends.

### Lagniappe:

Host a Book Signing event for your "local author." This can be in your living room or a local coffee shop or bookstore if you want to get fancy! Let your child display their book, talk about the inspiration behind their story, do a read aloud, and sign autographs for family and friends.