



Literacy Grab & Go Preschool (3 - 4-year-olds)

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Domain: Literacy and Language

Activity Purpose: Let the books you read with your child inspire new illustrations and stories.

Rationale

Drawing is an important form of communication and expression for children. Around age 4, many children start drawing people, represented by heads with legs directly attached. Encourage this and other forms of representation. You can scribe or add words to your child's drawing. This will help them distinguish between drawing and words.

- Materials:**
- picture books
 - drawing materials: paper, crayons, pencils, etc.

- Description of Activity:**
1. After finishing a picture book together, ask your child to imagine what might happen next.
 2. What might the character(s) do next? Then, after discussion, have your child draw or paint a picture that matches what could come next in the story.

Lagniappe: Use this art and writing extension to enhance your read-alouds.

Engage your three-year-old in drawing pictures for stories too. Have them draw certain characters or settings from stories you read together. Many three-year-olds draw random vertical, horizontal and squiggly lines, but those pre-writing efforts will become circles and shapes with time.