

This Book Tells My Story

Primary Objectives

9d. Tells about another time or place

18a. Interacts during reading experiences, book conversations, and text reflections

Why It's Important

In order to further a child's interest in reading, offer books with events and feelings that he can relate to. Your child may find a book easier to understand when he has had personal experience with the subject matter. Reading books that your child relates to may also develop his understanding of narrative and plot (parts of a story) as he views his own experiences and sees how they could be presented as a story.

Materials

Large mirror; book: *Maisy, Charley, and the Wobbly Tooth* by Lucy Cousins

What You Do

1. Choose a place to read the book that allows your child access to a mirror.
2. Invite your child to read the book with you. As you read, ask him questions relating his own experiences. *Charley is nervous about going to the dentist. Were you nervous about going to the dentist when you went?*
3. Pause during the story to allow your child to tell you about his trip to the dentist. Offer him a mirror to use to look at his teeth and remember how the dentist examined them.
4. Prompt your child to talk about what he learned during his dentist visit. Read further in the story to find out what the characters learned.
5. This activity will work with any book that relates to your child's personal experience such as getting a new sibling, learning a new skill, or moving to a different house or apartment. Be aware of events in his life, big or small, and find books with similar topics to read with him.