

Independent Reading and Storytelling

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child reads independently and then creates their own story, dictating it to the parent. This lesson celebrates both the child's reading growth and their narrative imagination.

What You Need:

- Phonetic readers
- Paper for the child's book (3-4 sheets folded and stapled)
- Pencil (parent)
- Crayons (child)
- Reading log
- Stapler

Steps:

1. Independent reading: child selects and reads 2-3 phonetic readers silently or aloud
2. After each, retell: 'What happened in that story?'
3. 'Now YOU are going to be the AUTHOR! Tell me a story and I'll write it down.'
4. Child dictates a story (any topic). Parent writes exactly what the child says.
5. Read the story back to the child. 'YOU wrote this!'
6. Child illustrates their story.
7. Staple together as a mini-book: the child's first authored work.
8. Add to the reading log: 'Today I wrote my own book!'

Work Space:



