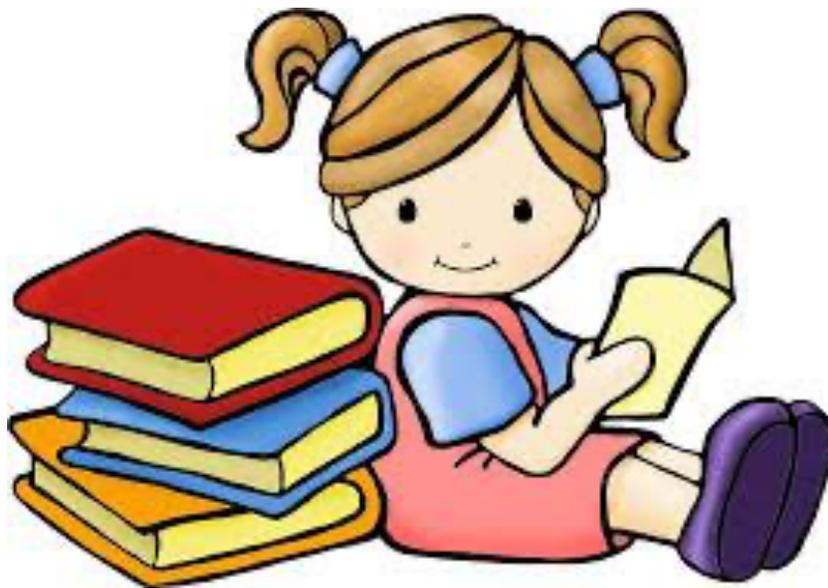


Fun Literacy Activities



Acting it out!

Kids love using their imagination to act out games, luckily this activity requires a lot of imagination! Here are the easy steps to it:

1. After reading a book of their choice, pick a scene from the book that caught you and your student's attention the most. It can be any scene they loved!
2. After you and your student know which one you want, act it out! You can read lines directly from the book, you can also use props to help them imagine the scene easier while they act it out!

Create a monologue

Sometimes kids shy away from activities that may seem silly to them or sometimes they may just not be feeling goofy or up to it, if so, try something different like creating a monologue. This activity does require their imagination but in a calmer setting! Follow the following steps:

1. After reading the book of your choice, you and your student can start by picking your favorite character from the book. It can be the main character or a supporting character.
2. Once they have the character picked out, you can then let them pick a scene in which their character was in that called their attention the most.
3. Once they have the scene picked out, help them brainstorm ideas on what their character may be feeling in that scene. You can ask questions like what was their character thinking in this scene? What were they feeling? Why? This activity will help your student develop a sense of their character in the story. You can even draw it out to help them physically see what they are describing their character is feeling.

Character Description

Characters are so important to get to know in stories, who else would make the story what it is. In this activity it is all about getting to know your character!

1. Begin by writing out five adjectives that describe your character and simply describe how those adjectives apply to them.
2. You can also write out five adjectives that describe the whole book and describe how they apply.
3. Lastly, you can write down five adjectives that describe your student and describe how they can connect to adjectives that describe the book or character!

Discussion time

Simple, easy, and interactive!

1. Simply discuss the book with your time
 - a. Talk about what intrigued them about the book
 - b. You can discuss what bothers them
 - c. Discuss what confused them about the book
 - d. What was their favorite part?
2. You can also give the students the opportunity to ask you the same questions and get your feedback on the book.
3. Compare answers and see what new book you can find that is similar or different from what you read based on your answers!

Become an Author

Reading is fun but sometimes we may not be in the mood for it or just need a break from it. So why read a book when we can write one!? With this simple task you can make it as fun as you can think of.

1. With your student begin by jotting down some story lines you would like to write about and decide which one is your favorite.
2. Then simply begin writing! Some ideas can be:
 - a. Write about a magical place with magical creatures!
 - b. Write about living underwater
 - c. Write about an important topic like acceptance, sharing, or helping someone
 - d. Write about making a delicious plate like a cake, pancakes, toast
3. You can even have your student write about their story and experiences
 - a. Write about a favorite birthday of theirs
 - b. Write about their family
 - c. Write about their favorite activities

21 Questions

Students have a lot on their mind and probably have not had the opportunity to let it all out! Kids always want to know more and have a lot of burning questions to ask. This is their time to shine and ask away! This may seem like a pretty simple task but when the time comes let's see if their little amazing brain doesn't go blank!

1. Let's begin by narrowing down the book they have had questions about, if they want, they can ask questions about all the books they have read!
2. Have your student write 21 questions on anything regarding the book or books they have chosen.
3. Your student can write questions directly to you or to the author.

Day in court

Court is in session! This is a fun activity you can have your student play around with. Each book has a unique and fun story. Let your student argue which book has been the greatest to read!

1. Have your student build their list of books they have read with you thus far. Have them pick their favorite and you pick yours!
2. You and your student can pretend to be the book's lawyer, witness, reporter, judge, or bailiff.
3. Now that you are in character and have your scenery set, you and your student can begin making compelling arguments as to why you believe the book you chose is the most interesting book you have read thus far!
4. Whoever wins can pick the next book you read together!

Let the kids sing

Books become movies and plays, but why not begin making the biggest Broadway musical of the century with your own book! It can be crazy, it can be wild, it can be amazing, it can be anything you want it to be just make it to your liking! But remember, you HAVE to have music!

1. Begin by allowing your student to think of a theme that their musical can be about
 - a. It can be about their own made-up superhero
 - b. It can be about someone following their music dreams
 - c. It can be about saving the worlds from aliens
2. Once you have the theme to your musical, begin by writing out songs that will tell your short story
 - a. You can make your songs using the theme from other short songs such as “twinkle twinkle little star”
3. If you want to get really into it, throw some of your best dance moves!