

Anytime Books

Primary Objectives

17a. Uses and appreciates books and other texts

Why It's Important

Before children learn to read, frequent exposure to books piques their curiosity and helps them develop book handling skills. By offering your child a wide variety of books without restrictions on how he may use them, you encourage him to explore and gain a deeper understanding of what makes books so enjoyable.

Materials

A variety of books such as board books, cloth books, picture books, books with different textures, and informational books

What You Do

1. Create a comfortable, quiet “book nook” with a variety of books that your child can access easily.
2. Invite your child to enjoy the book nook with you. Explain that he may explore the books any way he likes. Allow him to play freely with whatever book(s) he chooses.
3. Observe how your child uses the books. Avoid limiting him to one book at a time or explaining what he should be doing with the books. Offer assistance only if your child asks for it.