

DRAWING CHARACTERS IN A STORY

What to do:

1. Parents and children choose a book to read together.
2. Parents name and describe who or what the characters are (a person, an animal or thing in a story). First, parents read the story. Second, while reading, discuss the character's features. Ex: big wet nose, red coat with four buttons, droopy pink socks etc.
3. Children, after listening to the story: First, listen to your parents describe a character's features from the story. Second, children, draw a few characters from the story. (Alternative - Parents name characters, ask children to describe them. Children describe the characters.)

Materials:

1. A couple of books to choose from
2. Scrap paper
3. Crayons or pencil



Why is this activity important? Children learn to understand and use language during story time/literacy exercises. This activity teaches children the sounds of letters in spoken language and how to express their ideas, thoughts and feelings. This activity also teaches them how to communicate with others. They learn the skills of reading, writing and how stories can come from words on the page. Additionally, they learn that books can give information.