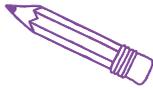


ACTIVITY TIME

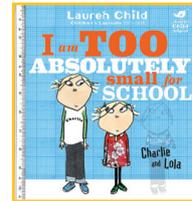
Featured Stories Program

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preschoolers



I AM TOO ABSOLUTLEY SMALL FOR SCHOOL by Lauren Child

Lola is a little nervous, it is time for her to start school. “*I Am Too Absolutley Small For School*” Lola tells her big brother Charlie who helps her get ready to start the school year. Lola has a lot of questions and Charlie spends time answering her questions and explaining what school will be like. Luckily for Lola her invisible friend Soren Lorenson will be coming along with her. This is a funny story to share with young children who are starting school, kindergarten or child care for the first time.



Activity Title: How big is this?

You will need:

- Ruler template (see attached)
- Crayons
- Items to measure, for example, blocks or crayons.

Instructions

1. Decorate your template
2. Talk with your child about describing words for different sizes. For example, small, teeny, tiny, big, large, huge and enormous
3. Measure different items around your home
4. Record your findings.

More ideas

After reading *I Am Too Absolutely Small For School* you might like to go on a picture walk. This means look at the pictures in the story. Can you spot any rulers? Using your own ruler, measure favourite images in the illustrations.

If you have a measuring tape, measure how tall your child is. You might like to measure different family members and record their height. Together, draw pictures of family members and talk about different size and units of measure. For example your child is 90cm tall but you are 160cm tall, who is taller?

STEM Focus: There are many items around the house that you can use to sort, gather and match that will introduce simple math concepts through play. Ideas can include, when folding washing find socks and invite your child to arrange them in size order, can they find matching pairs? Or explore different size spoons and talk about the different names of them, tea spoon, dessert spoon or ladle. Measuring spoons are a great way to explore numbers, size and fractions.

Songs to sing

1,2 3,4, 5 *Once I Caught a Fish, The Wheels on the Bus* (change words to “the wheels on the bus go round and round, all the way to school”).

Key message

Children learn by being engaged and doing.

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Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

*You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.



