

Play is the most powerful way young children learn.

Every time you play, sing or read to young children they are learning about language.

By sharing this book and play activities with them they will have the opportunity to:

- Become aware of families through stories, dramatic play and art.
- Experience writing as a way of sharing their ideas.
- Investigate the world around them.

We hope these activities will provide you with a starting point for fun play with young children.

Engaging With Language and Literacy

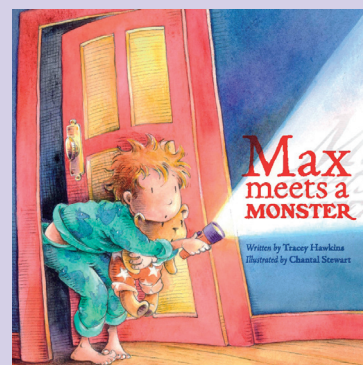
Encourage children to participate in purposeful writing as they play.



- Ask the children what they would take with them if they were going on a sleepover.
- Draw an outline of a suitcase on a piece of paper and have the children draw the things that they would take with them.
- Help the children with their early writing experiences. Encourage them to use invented writing or the sounds they can hear in the words to label their pictures.
- Give the children the opportunity to share their ideas with other children so they begin to understand that writing is a way of communicating their ideas.

My Family Book

- Help the children to make a book about their family. Staple four pages together. Ask the children to name four people in their family, encourage them to include grandparents if appropriate. Write one person on each page, eg, My Grandpa or This is my sister.
- The children can then trace over your writing or copy underneath and then illustrate each page.



Max Meets A Monster

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