

Sample Direction Sheet

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Action Rhymes

Dear Family,

Your child chose to bring home the Action Rhymes Kit this week! The activities in this kit are designed for pleasure and enjoyment by you and your family as you spend time together and to enhance and accelerate your child's acquisition of reading skills. Your child is *not* required to complete all of the activities.

The kit and the following contents need to be returned no later than FRIDAY of this week.

Have fun!

Contents:

Books:

- ✓ Cinderella Dressed in Yellow
- ✓ Miss Mary Mack
- ✓ Peanut Butter and Jelly: A Play Rhyme
- ✓ Nursery Rhymes Book
- ✓ Mother Goose Rhymes

Laminated Direction Sheets:

- ✓ What's My Rhyme? (*purple*)
- ✓ Jump Rope Exercises (*blue*)

Miscellaneous Tools:

- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Box with 8 different colors of crayons
- ✓ Games: Find the Sequence
- ✓ Response Notebook

For the Student to Keep:

- ♥ Poem: 'Oliver Twist'
- ♥ My Book of Words Ending in 'ack' uncolored story booklet

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Activities to Try

- Read Peanut Butter and Jelly.
 - Follow the directions on the very last page of the book in order to teach your child how to act out the events in the story.
 - Talk about the sequence or order that the children in the story used to make their sandwich.
 - Ask your child what steps he/she would take to make real PBJ sandwich. Then assist your child in making one – and share it!
- Read the nursery rhymes in Mother Goose Rhymes and/or Nursery Rhymes Pop Up Book (*being gentle with the pages*) letting your child enjoy the rhymes and seeing which ones he/she may already know. Choose a few of the rhymes to act out or make up movements to as you reread them. Reread their favorite rhymes another time, omitting the rhyming word and letting your child fill in the correct word. (*exp. 'One, two, buckle my _____.'*)
- Place the nursery rhyme pictures in order as you play 'Find the Sequence'.
- Read the rhyming couplets on the 'What's My Rhyme' sheet. Let your child finish the couplet with any word that rhymes.
- Read Cinderella Dressed in Yellow. Then jump rope as you chant it. For more fun, do the Jumprope Exercises!
- Read Miss Mary Mack for enjoyment. Then look at the directions in the book to play the handclapping game as you sing it! Also, put together 'My Book of Words Ending in 'ack'' booklet. Point to each word as you read it. How many words can you think of that rhyme with 'Mack'?
- Read and reread the poem 'Oliver Twist.' Read the first part and let your child say and do the movement. (*exp. Adult- "Number two" Child- "Touch your shoe."*)
- Help your child fill out the Response Notebook. Let your teacher know if you liked this kit. What activity or book did you like best/least? Tell her something you learned from the kit. (*Parents, we need your feedback, too!*)