

Reading With Two

Primary Objectives

2c. Interacts with peers

Why It's Important

When you invite two children to read a book with you and use puppets or props, you initially engage them and then encourage them to sustain their attention for longer periods of time. This strategy also supports your child's brief play encounters.

Materials

Book; related props or puppets

What You Do

1. In a quiet corner or area of the room, set out a book with enough puppets and props for two children to use. Choose a book with which you are familiar.
2. Invite your child and another child to read a book with you. Ask if they would like to help you tell the story.
3. Encourage them to select from the puppets and props.
4. Tell or read the story, stopping often to invite your child and the other child to participate. *I see you are holding the cat puppet. The cat just meowed in our story, didn't it? Can you make your cat meow?*
5. Encourage your child and his friend or family member to interact with the props during the reading.
6. After the activity, place the puppets and the book in an area where your child can use them.