



HAPPY BOOK POEM

Take care of the book you choose to get.

Don't write in it, tear it, or let it get wet.

Read it, enjoy it, and use it for fun.

Return it tomorrow for another one!





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Happy Book Storytime (Repeat this lesson often!)

Ask children to tell things that make them happy and sad.

“Did you know that books have feelings, too?”

Hold up torn book. Ask: “Do you think this book is happy or sad?”

“Let’s find out what makes this book sad.” Flip through book and have children tell why the book is sad.

Summarize by asking children to repeat things that make books sad.

Hold up new book. Ask: “Do you think this book is happy or sad?”

Model proper book handling, page turning, etc. and explain the things that make the book happy. (Books are happy when they are returned to their home i.e. shelf or other location.)

Summarize by asking the children to list things that make books happy.

Pass out books to the children and let them practice “making a book happy.” Reinforce or redirect behaviors.

Teach the children the Happy Book poem:

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Children can draw or color a picture of a “happy book.” Write down one or two things the child tells you that makes a book happy.