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Picture Books

DID YOU KNOW?

What is visual literacy?

Visual literacy is the ability to recognize and understand ideas conveyed through visible actions or images. Using picture books with kids of all ages to teach/model visual literacy supports creative and critical thinking skills, inferencing, observational and analytical skills, expression of ideas and meaning-making.



6 Functions of Illustrations in Picture Books

- Establish Setting
- Define and develop characters
- Activate prior knowledge, inferencing, and making connections
- Provide a different viewpoint
- Extend or develop the plot
- Establish mood



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HELPFUL TIPS

Tips for sharing picture books with young kids

- Engage child in conversations about the illustrations.
- Ask open-ended questions about what they notice in the illustrations.
- Talk about the setting and mood that the pictures convey.
- Make inferences and connections.
- Discourage using pictures to guess words in the text.



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Use These Sample Questions With the Illustration Below:

Q. What do you notice in the picture? What do you think is going on?

Q. How do you think the children are feeling? How do you know? What makes you think that?

Q. Do you think it's hot or cold where they are? What do you notice in the picture that makes you think that?



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