



# CONNECT TO THE CLASSROOM

## Inviting Interest in Books, Toddler #1 Activity

During the Inviting Interest in Books activity video, the teacher asks children to predict what the story might be about before reading. The cover of the book often provides clues that help children make connections to the story. The teacher used questions to keep the children engaged throughout the book read.

Practice applying strategies to keep children interested in books on your own:

- Before reading the book talk about the pictures on the cover of the book.
- **Ask questions** about what might happen in the book. **Relate to home** experiences, if possible.
- Begin reading the book. Stop and ask questions that will encourage children to focus on what is happening in the story.
- When their predictions occur, let the children know that they guessed correctly or that they had a different idea than the author.

### When you are finished reflect on the following questions:

**1** How did the children connect to the book? What did you say or do to help the children make connections?

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**2** What questions did you ask to encourage the children to make predictions? How did the children respond?

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**3** What questions did you ask while reading the book? How did you change your questions throughout the book read?

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**4** What was challenging? What can you do better next time? Try these next time.

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