



CONNECT TO THE CLASSROOM

Encourage Active Participation, Toddler #1 Activity

During the Encouraging Active Participation Toddler #1 video, the teacher engaged the children's interest and attention by finding ways for them to participate. She asked questions related to the book, had children help with phrases, and had them do physical actions related to the book. She also used the picture on the cover of the book to encourage the baby to look at the picture.

Practice applying these strategies as you read books with young children:

- Read books that talk about feelings.
- Explain to the children what each book is about.
- Ask questions. Encourage children to think and answer with their words.
- Encourage children to actively participated during reading.
- Respond to the children's questions and ideas.
- Help children make meaningful connections between what happens in the book and the experiences that cause them.

When you are finished reflect on the following questions:

1

How did you explain the book to the children?

2

What questions did you ask and how did you encourage the children to answer them?

3

How did you respond to the children's questions and ideas? Was there any challenges?

4

What could you have done differently to help the child actively participate during the book reading?
Try these next time you read books.
