

CREATING EARLY LITERACY SPACES

FROM THE FIVE PRACTICES FROM ECRR

Some Ideas from Michigan Workshops Brainstorming Sessions

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TALKING

- Puppet Stage with Puppets
- Tell A Story to Mr. Bear
- Picture Stories – Make Up a Story After Looking at a Picture
- Magnetic Board/Wall Stories
- Play Telephones (Tin Can; Cups and String)
- Wordless Book Station with Sign to Tell the Story
- Do Impromptu Picture Walks
- Dramatic Play Area
- Train Table
- Fish Aquarium

SINGING

- Song Picture Book Display (Books You Can Sing)
- Display of Books with CD's
- Music Area with Simple Instruments (Music Petting Zoo)
- Make Your Own Instrument Stations
- Listening Center with CD's and Headphones Or Musical Videos

- Take Home Music Kits
- Local Musicians Play Concert in Library
- Song Charts on Walls OR Rap A Rhyme
- Suggested Links to Song Websites
- Record A Song Station (Microphone Recording)

READING

- Child Friendly Reading Nook; Rocking Chairs (Moms and Babies)
- Ground Seating (Soft Pillows; Bean Bags)
- Board Books at Baby Level; Books for Younger Children at Their Level
- Library Story Walk
- Read to a Buddy
- Book/Table Displays at Child's Level; Face Out Displays
- Melissa and Doug Games
- Storytime Reading Program With Incentives
- Book Character Toys/Puppets
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program Visibility

PLAYING

- Lego/Duplo/ Blocks/Lincoln Logs
- Puzzles
- Pretend Play Areas with Themes (Housekeeping; Construction; Grocery Store; Doll Houses; Trucks)
- Play Carpets
- Dress Up Area/Costume Bin
- Open-Ended Art/Craft Stations
- Magnetic Walls/Paint
- Sand Table

- “Imagination Stations” Kent District Library
- Sensory/Tactile Toys

WRITING

- Writing Center: crayons, markers, colored pencils; different types of paper
- Lacing Toys
- Sandpaper Letters
- Stencils/Tracing/Rubbings
- Play-Doh
- Sidewalk chalk
- Dry Erase or Chalk Boards
- Doodle Boards/Etch-A-Sketch
- Post Office Area
- Wall Murals / Roll of Butcher Paper