

Field Trip Book

Materials

Camera and film
Glue
Poster board, cut to book size
Markers
Laminate or clear contact paper
Hole punch
Metal rings or yarn

What to do

1. Bring a camera on your next field trip and take pictures of the children.
2. Glue the photos onto pages of poster board. Ask the children to dictate simple captions and write them under the pictures.
3. Laminate the pages or cover them with clear contact paper.
4. Punch holes along the sides of the pages and attach them together using yarn or metal rings.
5. Place the books on a shelf or let each child take the book home to share with his family.

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I Can Write My Own Book

Materials

Old magazines
Scissors
Typewriter, optional
White paper
Markers
Glue
Construction paper or cardboard
Hole punch and yarn or stapler

What to do

1. Cut out pictures from old magazines, such as children playing, animals, and outdoor scenes.
2. Ask each child to choose a magazine picture. Then, ask him to dictate a short story about the picture he has chosen.
3. After you write or type the child's story, read it back to him to make sure it is accurate.
4. Encourage the children to draw a picture of their short story using paper and markers.
5. Fold a piece of construction paper or cardboard in half to make a book cover. Help the children glue their pictures on the front of their book covers.
6. Ask the children to place their story inside the book cover. Staple it together, or punch holes along the side and tie it together with yarn.

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A Book of My Own

Materials

Colored construction paper
Scissors
File folders, one for each child
Camera and film
Old magazines and catalogues
Glue
Markers, crayons, or paint
Clear contact paper
Hole punch
Metal rings or yarn

What to do

1. This activity will take a period of time to complete.
2. Ask each child to choose four pieces of colored construction paper.
3. Cut the paper into 8" (20 cm) squares and place them in the child's folder.
4. Have fun taking pictures of the children. Take pictures of each child at different times during the day, including outside play. If possible, get double prints. Place photos in the appropriate child's folder for later use.