

My Daily Journal

Primary Objectives

9d. Tells about another time or place

Why It's Important

Children enjoy talking about their daily lives. As you or another adult records and reads back your child's experiences, she begins to develop an understanding of how print works.

Materials

Markers, pens, pencils, or other writing tools; personal journal (newsprint pages with construction paper cover, stapled together)

What You Do

1. Tell your child that you would like to write down some of her daily adventures in her personal journal.
2. Encourage her to take time to think about what she wants you to write. Ask open-ended questions. *What did you do yesterday at school? What did you and your mom (or dad, sister, brother, babysitter) do this morning? What adventure did you have recently that you'd like for me to write down?*
3. As you record her words, read them back to her to confirm her meaning.
4. Show her the words on the page, and sweep your hand under the print from left to right as you read.
5. Invite her to help you record her adventures each day during a quiet moment together. Encourage her to write or draw in her journal, if she chooses.