## Thank you

## for attending our session on

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## Please contact us if you have any questions.

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## Paper Bag BK Writing Portfolio

Place the grocery sack flat on the table as shown. Trim off three sides of the bottom. This will become the closing flap of the portfolio. Cut off the sides and the front section of the curve. Fold over the flap and use a strip of Velcro on the inside to secure it. Let children decorate their sacks with
 markers or crayons. Have children store their poems, journal entries, nonfiction writing, and other samples of their work in their portfolios.
Hint! Be sure to have children date their work

## $\sim$ Display Pocke $\dagger$

Make a display pocket for the children's writing from a file folder. Cut a 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " border around the top half of the file folder. Let children decorate it with their name and pictures. Laminate. Fold in half and staple to a bulletin board or tape to a cubby. Children can display their own work by slipping drawings, stories, etc. in the pocket.

## * ~Mini-Office

Tape two file folders together for each child. Let them decorate the outside with markers, magazine pictures, trading cards, etc. Staple a copy of the word wall to the inside. When children write in their journals or do independent work, they can stand up their "offices" on their desks. Words they frequently spell will be right there for them if needed. Search "mini office" to download free printables for your grade level.

Hint! Adapt these offices to skills you are working on.
*Make a reading office on one side and a math office with a hundreds chart, math mat, shapes, months, etc. on the other side.
*Use 2 pocket folders to make a mini-office. Children can insert papers they are working on in the left and work they have finished on the right.


## Read and Write ~ Write and Read!

WHY? integrate reading and writing; reinforce skills; put books in the home; increase children's interest
WHAT? plain paper or colored paper, pencils, markers, crayons, colored pencils, and other writing paraphernalia
HOW? Use some of these book making ideas to extend literature or to replace worksheets.

## * Snip Snap Book

Directions: Fold two sheets of paper in half. Make tears (or snips) about a thumbnail apart down the fold. Bend one tab forward, then the next backward,
 and so on to bind the pages together.

Use for: retelling a story/story elements letter book/vowel book number book/shape book

"The Book"/ "A Book" coordinate with a unit or theme environmental print/cut out words they can read word families, opposites write the room
writing original stories, journals chit chat books (teacher and child write back \& forth) note taking vocabulary/spelling words

Monday - write a word on each page
Tuesday - write the definition
Wednesday - illustrate or cut out a picture Thursday - write a sentence
Hint! Fold paper lengthwise to make a tall book. Cut paper in half to make a little book. Use a colored sheet of paper on the outside and a white sheet on the inside.

## * Brochure

Directions:
Fold a sheet of paper into thirds to create a brochure. Or try this easy version: roll paper into a circle and "smush" flat.

Use for: story elements (title, favorite character, beginning, middle, end)
consonants or vowels (capital, lower case, pictures: long a, short a, aw sound)
all about me

field trip, vacation, place they'd like to visit
unit or theme ( $\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{W}-\mathrm{L}$ )
sorting (pictures, letters, words, syllables)
fact families
biography (facts, accomplishments)
letters with lines, curves, lines and curves
inflicted endings
drawing a body

## * Step Book

Layer two sheets of paper about 1" apart as shown. Fold backwards to create a step book with 4 layers.

Use for:

four seasons
sets and numerals 4 sentences or facts about a topic of study sequence

two words and contraction under flap layers in a rain forest or ocean steps in cooking or doing an art project letters and words that begin with that sound

Hint! Use more sheets of paper to create books with 6,8 or 10 pages. (These could be used for the 5 senses, days in the week, planets in the solar system, continents, etc.)

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5 \text { sheets = senses }
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## Picnic Book

Make a picnic book by telling this story:
Let's go on a picnic. First we need a picnic basket. (Fold the paper in half.)

Next, we need hotdogs.

(Fold the paper in fourths.)
We also need hamburgers.
(Fold the paper into eighths.)
We'll need a picnic bench to sit at. (Open so it's folded in half. Bring one bottom flap to the fold. Turn
 over and bring the other bottom flap to the fold.)

A picnic is more fun if we share it with a friend. (Tear down middle crease until you reach the fold.)

Now all we need is a book to write a story about our adventures on our picnic. (Hands on top of bench, bend down, and fold around to make a book.)

Use for: letter books, word families

reading the room, writing the room
fact families
shape or color books
unit or theme
spelling words (picture/sentence)
friends' names and phone numbers
opposites, story elements
original stories
Hint! Let children decorate an individual cereal box to store their picnic books.

## Flip Book

Make a hotdog fold. (Fold in half.)


Make a hamburger fold. (Fold in fourths.)


Make a pack of fries. (Fold in eighths.)


Open in half. Tear down each crease to the middle fold.


Fold in half to make four flips.


* Children like to call this a "garage door" book.

Use for:

> sequence of a butterfly
> story elements
> letters and pictures that begin with the sound
> opposites
> before and after
> parts of a plant
> what's inside an egg
> mother and baby animals
> sequence of your day
> sets and numerals
> riddles or questions and answers
> four seasons
> animals and their homes
> spelling word - picture or definition
> card ("Some gifts are large. Some gifts are small.
> Some gifts are round. Some gifts are tall. But a gift
> from the heart is the best gift of all!)

Hint! Use longer paper and more strips to make a book about the five senses, days of the week, planets, etc.

## Hallet Book

Fold a sheet of paper up about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inch from the top as shown. Glue the sides. Fold in half to make a wallet.

Use for:<br>vocabulary words<br>flash cards<br>book titles<br>coupons and rewards



## H House Book

Fold the paper in half lengthwise to form a crease.. Open. Bring upper left corner to the center crease. Bring upper right corner to the center crease. Fold up the bottom edge to make a house.

Use for:
learning addresses
my family (how we celebrate, have fun, etc.)
colors, letters, shapes, number words

word families
following directions
title of story and favorite part/character
animal homes


NAPPING HOUSE - recall characters number house
homework - write words in their house they can read


## Popsicle Stick Book

You will need paper, a craft stick, rubber band, and hole punch to make this book. Fold two sheets of paper in half and cut along the folded line. Stack these and fold in half again. Hole punch on the folded side about $1 \frac{1}{2}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ from each end. Push one end of the rubber band through one hole and insert the end of the popsicle stick through the loop. Push the other end of the rubber band through the other hole and insert the other end of the popsicle stick through that loop. Hint! To make a bigger book just fold several sheets of paper in half.


