

How to Use This Book

Each activity in this book is a literacy visual aid, game, and/or book and is designed for children's use. Let the students explore the materials before introducing literacy concepts to be learned. Make it clear that they are free to discover other parameters of application. Free explorations are controlled by having students write down (or dictate) observations on a chart.

The activities for each set of games and books are varied and cover a good part of the pre-school - kindergarten curriculum. Not only do these activities cultivate basic literacy skills, but also they enhance the auditory, visual, reflective, and interactive capacities of children in your classroom.

Each activity in this book is organized into categories that include the following:

- Objectives – list the educational goal of each activity.
- How to Make – details the directions for making the literacy game or book. Patterns are included in black line or fully colored.
- How to Play – rules on how to play the game. It may also contain the words to suggested chants and/or songs. All the activities invite children to participate at their own skill levels and are easily adapted. Activities can be used in large group and/or small group setting.

CAT IN THE HAT GAME



Objectives:

- Letter recognition
- Letter sounds
- High frequency words
- Spelling

How to Make:

- Make several cat-in-the-hat hats by acquiring several clean oatmeal canisters and painting them red. Let them dry.
- Wrap a couple of white rectangles around the red canisters to make white stripes.
- Glue the bottom of the canisters to sturdy paper plates to make a hat (leave the top of the hat open).