

Beyond the Book...

Title: Big Sister, Little Sister

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Summary: This book contains photo illustrations of real life sisters in a variety of adventures in many different settings. This is a rhyming text.



Before Reading...

Any time a book is shared aloud, the reader should take a picture walk – a “walk” through the book just looking at the pictures. This is a chance for the child to get a sneak peek of what is in store for them. Before opening the book show the child the cover and read the title. Ask them what they think the book will be about, based only on what they see. Then slowly flip through the book, page by page, without reading a single word. Ask questions about each picture they see. Examples of questions you might ask are: “What is going on here?” “Who is this?” “Why do they look excited?” “Where do you think they are?”

During Reading...

Once you are finished with the “picture walk” and have started actually reading the book aloud to your child, you can ask other questions as you have an opportunity. Some of these can start discussions that relate to your child’s experience. Examples are:

- “How does your big/little sister help you?”
- “How do you help your big/little sister?”
- “What does this remind you of?”

After Reading...

Some of the pictures in the book may make personal connections for your child. After the reading is a good time to review these connections – talking in greater detail than during reading.

The child, with your help, could go back through the book and find one or two activities illustrated in the book that s/he could do with you, a sibling, or a friend.

The child and reader could brainstorm a list of ways the child could help others such as the ways the sisters helped each other in the book. The list could be written and each time the child completes one a star could be drawn next to it. Once all of the items are completed, a small reward could be given (ice cream, an extra story at bedtime, etc.).

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