

GROWING READERS: APRIL PUPPETS BRING SPRING FUN!

Introducing our new literacy kits for caregivers (grandparents, friends, & neighbors!) of 0-5 year olds! Each month we will be releasing new grab bags with activities to get 0-5 year olds ready for school. This month we are focusing on *TALKING*.

How does talking prime kids for reading?

- Talking with your child will help them hear sounds that make up words, start speaking themselves, and recognize print words.
- To find out more, check out our podcast: "Growing Readers." You can find it on our website in the Youth Services tab under "Podcast for Kids."



This activity:

- encourages a back and forth conversation as each of you pretend.
- allows your child to set the scene for what happens next.
- creates a space to talk about emotions, jobs, and activities through the puppet's perspective (point of view).
- For more talking activities check out our podcast!

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PUPPETS!

Materials:

- 2 paper bags*
- Colorful construction paper*
- Pen/pencil/marker/colored pencils
- Tape
- Scissors

All materials with an * are included

1. Talk with your kid to decide on an animal and make a plan/design.
2. Let them draw, cut out, and tape as much as possible.
3. Then play away, making sure to give space for back and forth conversation.
4. Have fun!

Huge Thanks to Aunt Annie for inspiring this craft!

