

Emergent Literacy: Infant/Toddler

Teacher: The baby likes the bubbles. You like to play in the water, don't you? When we wash our hands. Let's turn the page. "Rub-a-dub-dub. It's fun in the tub." You see the ducky there, Kali?

Kali: Uh-huh.

Teacher: He likes this page. This is one of his favorite pages right there.

Kali: We don't care.

Teacher: Okay. Oh, look, look! Hailey, look. "A swim in the pool is really cool." Look at that baby. What's on that baby's eyes?

Kali: Glasses.

Teacher: Glasses. Those are sunglasses. And what are these?

Kali: Goggles.

Teacher: Goggles. You're right, Kali. You hear? She's talking about the bubbles. Whoa, he's trying to get down and get to the book. Watch him. [Chuckles] I think he got it! Wow. You gonna turn the pages for him so he can see the other babies? [Gasps] He's getting excited. Watch him! He's standing up on his feet. Oh, let's let go of the hair. Look, there's the cup. There's your favorite page. "I love playing with the water." Yeah, there it is. He usually smiles when he sees that page. Yeah, are you trying to get the baby? The baby's in the book. Oh, there he goes! He's got it, holding it tight. Oh, my goodness, Bryson. You know what, Hailey? There's another book just like this one. Can you go find it for me?

Hailey: Mm-hmm.

Teacher: It's on the shelf. Will you go find it over there? I see it. Guess what, Hailey's gonna go get the other book, so she can look at one and you can look at one. 'Cause I think you really like this book. You want to read that one? Okay, you bring it over here and I'll read it to you. Hailey chose a different book. We're gonna read that one. Wow, look at this one! "Listen And Look." Oh, my goodness. I wonder what that is. Who does that look like? Oh, look at this. What is that?

Macey: A kitty cat.

Teacher: That's a -- Well, you know what that is? It's a skunk. It kind of looks like a kitty cat, but it sure don't smell like one. It smells really bad.

Macey: I want it.

Teacher: You want it? Ooh, it smells really bad -- a skunk does. Yeah, a kitty cat you can maybe make it smell better, but a skunk has a perfume that it sprays if it gets scared and it smells so bad it make your eyes water -- might make you sick. It's really strong. Do you need help getting your book, Bryson? You got it again, didn't you, baby? That's good.

Hailey: Can I have it?

Teacher: Well, I don't think he's ready to give the book up. I think he wants to hold it for a while.

He likes the other babies in it. Maybe those are his friends. You think those babies are his friends? Do you want to come sit, too? Here, sit right here, Macey. Turn around and sit right there. Good job. Hailey gave you room, too. That was so nice of you, Hailey.

Macey: I see a bicycle.

Teacher: You do?

Macey: Mm-hmm.

Teacher: Oh.