

Primary Literacy Center Ideas

Classroom Library:



Book Buddies-Place several puppets and stuffed animals in this center for young children to practice their reading. They knowing they have an audience! These book buddies can also become props for retelling stories.



Pointers-Place a can of “mini-pointers” such as pencils with large erasers, small back scratchers, dowel rods, or small plastic fingers in the book area. Encourage students to use them as they read.



What’s My Title?-Cover the title of a book with sticky notes. Close it in a zipper storage bag and display in your classroom library. Let your students predict the title using the cover picture. They can record and post their answers near the book.

Poetry:



Poem Charts-Print familiar poems on large chart paper. Post in your classroom. Let students illustrate. Students can practice reading these poems during center time.



Poetry Pair– Students read a poem and find another text from any genre to connect to it. They must explain their connection.



Pointers and Glasses– Give students many options for pointing to text as they read. These can be decorated paint sticks, batons, flashlights, back scratchers, etc. For added fun, place glasses with the lenses removed in this center. Students will love putting on their “reading glasses” to read the room.