

Oral Language Development

Picture Story Writing (Dictation)



Prerequisites:

- Gluing lesson
- carrying a tray,
- attention span sufficient to attend for the entire lesson

Materials:

- a basket of pictures cut from magazines
- glue stick or paste
- paper
- writing pencil (all words are written in pencil)
- tray to hold all parts

Objectives:

- Developmental aim: to show that "talk" can be written down
- Practical aim: preparation for reading and writing

Control of error: The teacher

Points of interest:

- The picture used, the telling of the story, watching the words written on the paper, hearing the rereading of the story

Language: the words used in the story

Age: 3 and up

Presentation:

1. Bring the work to the table.
2. Remove the paper and place it in the center of the table.
3. Select a picture and paste in onto the top half of the paper.
4. Say, "Tell me a sentence about the picture."
5. Say, "Now I am going to write it down."
6. Write the first word while saying it- stretching the word out to hear the component sounds.
7. Continue until all the words are written.
8. Read the story back touching under each word as you read it.
9. Invite the child to read the story with you.
10. Repeat step 8.
11. Write your name on the paper.
12. Place the finished paper in the appropriate place.
13. Replace the paper on the tray from a classroom source.
14. Replace the tray on the shelf.

Variations:

- Have a group of children talk about a picture. Then invite each one to say something about it. Write their collective story.
- Have the child draw a picture and write his dictation based on the picture.
- Write a memory from a field trip or special program.

Extensions:

- Have the child trace your writing with a colored fine point marker.
- Trace over just one letter or word.
- Invite the child to write about the picture.