

Alphabet Knowledge

AK15

Emergent Writing

Writing My Thoughts

Benchmarks: A.2a, G.1a, G.1b, G.2a



Objective

The child will use emergent writing to describe thoughts and ideas about an experience.



Materials

- Feeling Cards (Activity Master)
- Event Cards (Activity Master)
- Thoughts Paper (Activity Master)
- Basket - Place event cards in the basket.
- Writing Utensils



Activity

After teacher introduction, children choose a picture/word to illustrate and “write” their feelings about an activity.

1. Child randomly chooses an Event Card from basket 1 (e.g., bike).
2. Child thinks about how this makes them feel and selects a corresponding Feeling Card (e.g., happy).
3. On the Thoughts Paper, child draws a self-portrait of how they feel when doing this activity. (e.g., child draws a picture of himself smiling while riding a bike).
4. The child then copies the words on the bottom of the paper (e.g., happy, riding a bike: “Riding a bike makes me happy.”)
5. Child will then share work/explain to others.
6. Teacher evaluation.



Adaptations and Extensions

- Write only the beginning letter of the picture cards (use plain paper for this).
- Choose only one picture either the feelings or the events basket (use plain paper for this).
- Choose another card to illustrate and write about on the back of the paper.
- Add any other emergent writing to describe the feeling/event.



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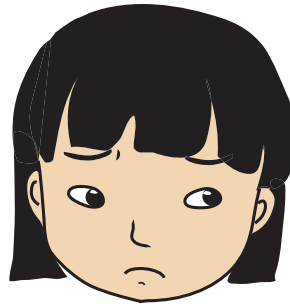
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happy



sad



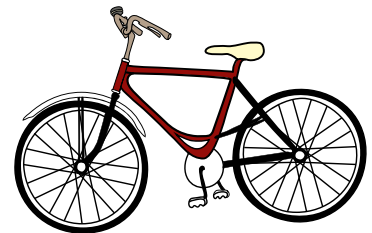
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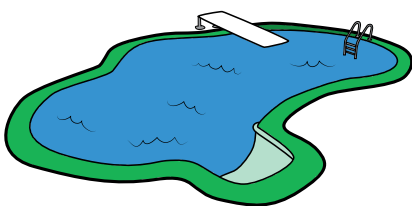
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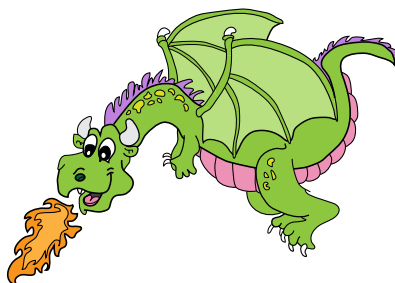
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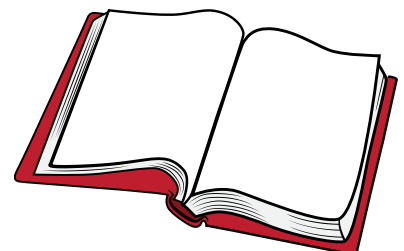
Riding a bike



Swimming at
the pool



Dragons



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Seeing a rainbow



A clown
doing tricks



Going to the
playground



Eating a lollipop



Rain