

Baby Faces: Peek-a-Book

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A book of different baby faces showing various emotions with simple text describing the shown emotion. This book also shows the faces of babies of different ethnicities expressing various emotions. Each page is a close up of a baby face with a black background and colored border. The combination of baby faces and high contrast color would grab the interest of a baby. The simple text illustrating the emotion of the pictured baby invites the parent to discuss emotions with their child. The multi-ethnic models introduces babies to the wide variety of individuals in the world and helps parents of many ethnicities

feel represented. This is an excellent book for introducing the youngest demographic.

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Steps of Lesson:

Reading the Story

- Teacher reads the book to the class
- Reading together is the most effective way to help children become proficient readers even if they are babies.
- Nonfiction, fact-based books are particularly helpful for babies as they
 begin to attach words to everyday objects. You can go further by finding a
 real object from the book and showing them afterwards. You are helping
 them realize that pictures represent real things.
- Long before babies talk, they use gestures and movements to express themselves. The Peek-a-boo book is great for learning gestures and emotions.
- Babbling is the same for all babies the over the world. Over time these sounds are narrowed to the sounds of the languages that surround them.
 By 10 or 12 months he or she will be talking gibberish that mimics the cadences of the language.

Writing and Language:

• Young children learn through their senses. The teacher will give them opportunities to feel different textures and shapes. Understanding

- differences between objects is the best way for babies to develop earlywriting skills.
- Teacher will use large foam letters are a simple way to introduce your baby to the different angles and shapes of a letter.

Activity:

- Scribbling and finger painting leads to developing fine motor skills like grasping a crayon and creating a picture. Circle crayons are a perfect way for babies to create artwork with their hands.
- Playing peek-a-boo is a little game that helps babies learn that what disappears is still there—object permanence. When you think about it, each page turn of a book is a kind of peek-a-boo, each turning of the page reveals a little surprise.
- Teacher will describe what is happening as they play, by talking about colors and shapes, even if the child does not yet understand all you have to say is, you are helping the child develop language and laying a strong foundation for later reading.



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