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# My Book

*My Book* is a child's personal storybook. It helps children learn how printed language works and how books are organized (Concepts about Print). Because the story is personalized, children are engaged and motivated to read the book again and again. Through these repeated readings, children learn Concepts about Print in a way that is interactive and fun. When the book is complete, they take their books home to continue reading with their families. A letter inside the front cover explains to parents how to further develop the concepts at home.

## Using My Book

*My Book* can be used in a one-on-one, small group, or whole class setting. Each child receives their own copy. A page or two is completed in each session. The teacher introduces the page(s) with a brief description. Every book is personalized with a child's own drawing, coloring, and words. The teacher writes a child's words in the spaces provided. Children share the books at school, comparing pages with friends. The teacher points out Concepts about Print while reading these and many other books aloud.

## Instructional Scope

### Concepts about Print

- Hold book right side up; open book at title page
- Distinguish print from pictures
- Understand that print can be read and has meaning
- Turn pages from front to back, one at a time
- Follow print from top to bottom, left to right on a page
- Recognize own name in print
- Recognize names of friends and family in print
- Recognize own telephone number
- Point to front cover, back cover, and spine
- Point to the title and author of book
- Tell what titles and authors do

### Comprehension

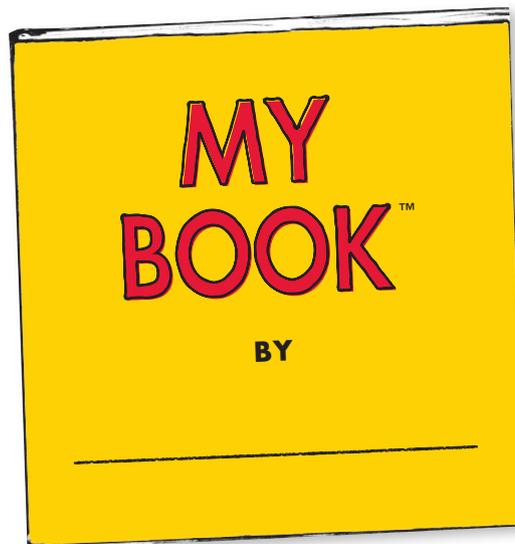
- Retell story or event with pictures
- Describe connections among stories
- Enjoy books and reading activities

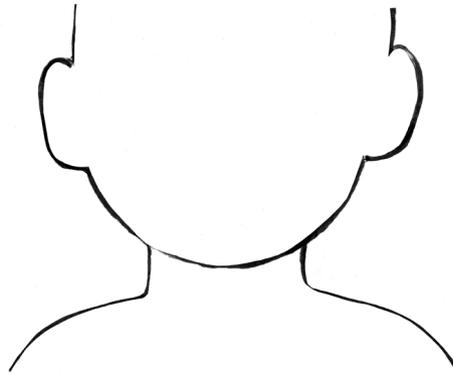
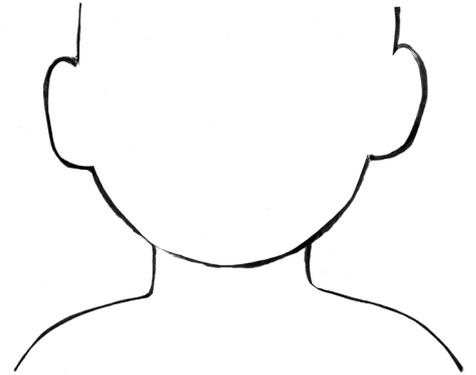
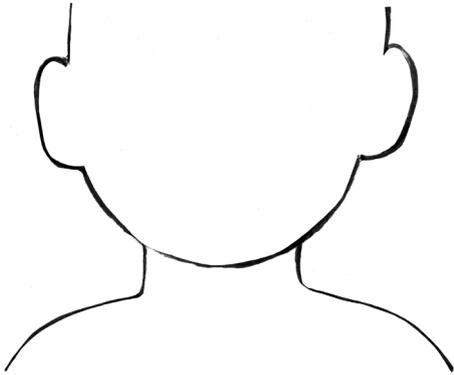
### Oral Language

- Learn words linked to content being taught
- Use words linked to content being taught
- Describe everyday routines and events

### Social/Emotional

- Demonstrate positive self-esteem





These are my friends who I see every day.