

Launching into Literacy

YOUR GIRL GAINED SKILLS IN LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

In addition to creating positive relationships with girls her age and trusted adults, she also practiced:

- Identifying major characters, setting, and the basic plotline of a story
- Recognizing herself as a unique individual having her own abilities and strengths
- Following instructions with at least two steps

Activities to do to support your girl's language and literacy skills:

- Reflect on the session. Choose one or two things she remembers about Sunny's story. Asking her to recall stories allows her to use her vocabulary to process her understanding of stories. The more she can recall and explain the story in her own words, the more her understanding grows!
- Make something. Draw a picture together inspired by Sunny's Story. Have her show how she can be friendly and helpful to others in her home, school or community. Then let her tell you all about her story. Let her take the lead as you draw together.
- Discover together. Read at least one book together every day. As you read, have her point out pictures of characters as they are introduced in the book. Point out new words to her and ask, "what do you think _____ means?" She may be able to figure it out based on the context of the story. If not, explain the meaning of the word. Hearing a variety of words will help her develop literacy and language skills.
- Talk to family and friends. Encourage her to ask family and friends about their favorite childhood books or movies and why they liked them so much. Maybe she'd like to read the same book or see the same movie so they can talk about it next time they see one another.

Literary Definitions

Character: a person, animal, or thing in a story

Setting: where a story takes place

Plot: what the story is about.

