

Book in the Round

Copy these pages back to front. Cut the book apart along the dotted lines. Place the pages in order, fold them in the center (edge-to-edge, like a book) and slip a rubber band over the fold to hold the book together. The pages are spread apart to make a circular book. The starting point is marked with a thematic tab so the children know where to begin the story. I make up 4 or 5 of the little books and we share them during small group time. After we have "read" the little book I send home the book and the directions so the parents and children can make their own book.

When the class book in the round is completed, store them in a round container (e.g., cookie tins or plastic lids of birthday cakes).

Whopper Topper Apple Book

The novelty of the book-in-the-round gets the children excited about the little book. Because of this high interest we can teach skills through the little book. Literacy opportunities are built into the book. You can focus on rhyming words, finding beginning and ending sounds, defining the word "whopper," or find all the "apple" words.

They also learn science concepts like change. When they "read" about the different products the apples become they can see that the apple has changed and cannot be put back together as an apple. This is a wonderful example of irreversible change. You can also talk or read about the various birds in it and discuss if you think they would really be in an apple tree.

