

READ LIKE ROYALTY WITH READING ACTIVITIES

POETRY IN MOTION

When children "act out" a good poem, they learn to love its rhyme, rhythm, and the pictures it paints with a few well-chosen words. They grow as readers by connecting feelings with the written word.

What you'll need:

Poems that rhyme, tell a story, and/or are written from a child's point of view.

What to do:

Read a poem slowly to your child, and bring all your dramatic talents to the reading. (In other words, "ham it up.")

If there is a poem your child is particularly fond of, suggest acting out a favorite line. Be sure to award such efforts with delighted enthusiasm.

Suggest acting out a verse, a stanza, or the entire poem. Ask your child to make a face the way the character in the poem is feeling. Remember that facial expressions bring emotion into the performer's voice.

Be an enthusiastic audience for your child. Applause is always nice.

If your child is comfortable with the idea, look for a larger setting with an attentive, appreciative audience. Perhaps an after-dinner "recital" for family members would appeal to your child.

Mistakes are a fact of life, so ignore them.

Poems are often short with lots of white space on the page. This makes them manageable for new readers and helps to build their confidence.

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MY FAVORITE BOOKS WERE: _____



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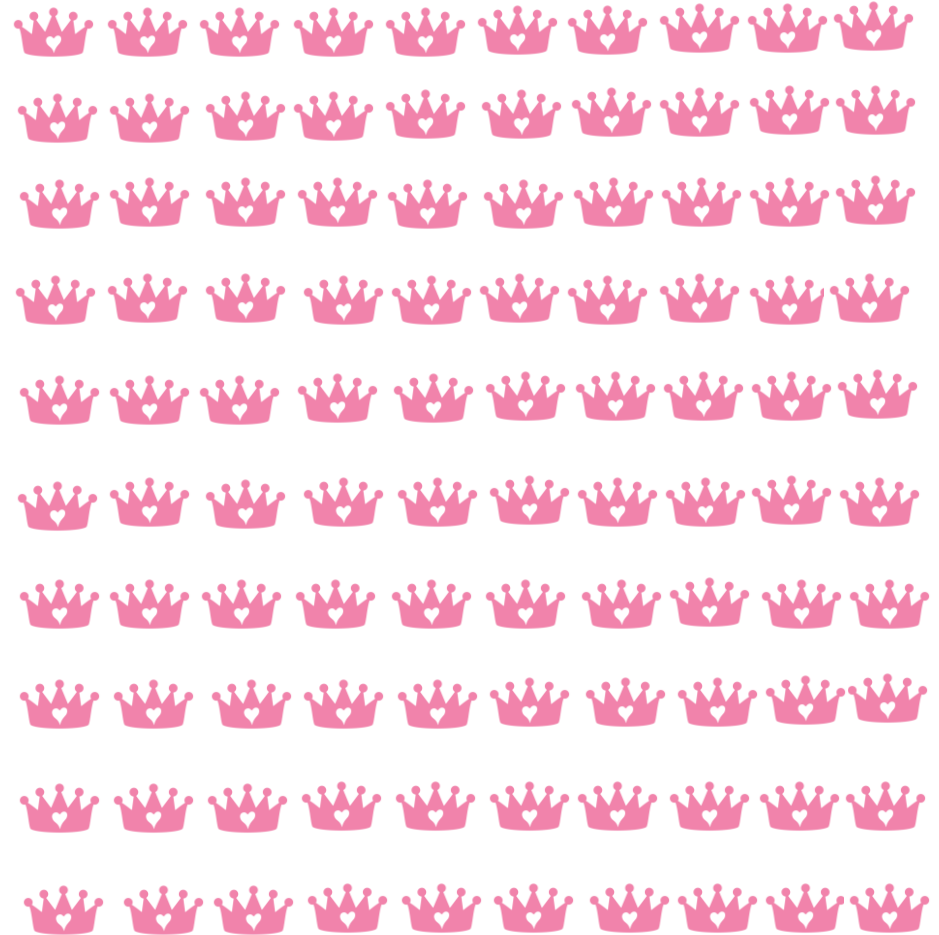


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BOOKS 101 through 200

For each ENTIRE book that is read to your child by anyone, mark a crown.

NAME: _____



CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE READ 200 BOOKS!!

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