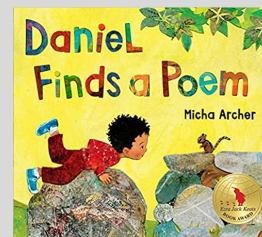




Daniel Finds a Poem

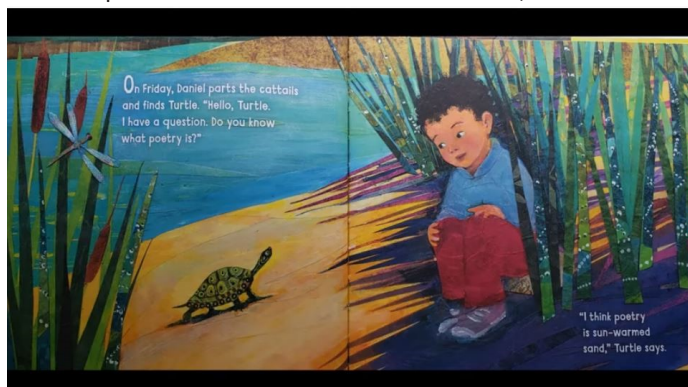
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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own.

Conversations will help increase your child's oral language skills and build their vocabulary. C.A.R. is a conversation starter that you can use with your child any time.

Below is an example of how to use C.A.R. with the book, *DANIEL FINDS A POEM*.



C.A.R.	Example
C Comment and Wait (count to 5) <i>*Make a comment about what you see on the page.</i>	Adult: It seems to me that the animals are describing their environment. Child: The turtle is at the pond.
A Ask questions and Wait (count to 5) <i>*Ask questions that do not have a "yes/no" or one-word answer to them.</i>	Adult: What do you think turtle will say poetry is to him? Child: Maybe water or sand?
R Respond by adding a little more to the child's response.	Adult: Turtle is at the pond where there is a sandy bank. I also see tall cattails.

Activities

- » Animal exploration: Research a favorite animal and its habitat. Try to decide what poetry would mean to that particular animal.
- » Act it out: Have your child draw pictures of each animal in the story to use as character props. They can play the role of Daniel and visit each character in the story.



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