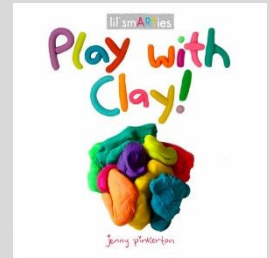




Play with Clay!

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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, Play with Clay!



C.A.R.	Example
<p>C Comment and Wait (count to 5) *Make a comment about what you see on the page.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> I love to squish clay in my hand!</p> <p><i>Child:</i> Me, too! It goes between my fingers.</p>
<p>A Ask questions and Wait (count to 5) *Ask questions that do not have a “yes/ no” or one-word answer to them.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> What does it mean to form something?</p> <p><i>Child:</i> Maybe to make something.</p>
<p>R Respond by adding a little more to the child’s response.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> I think you’re right. When you form something you make it into another shape.</p>

Activities

- » Play: Gather some clay or play doh for your little one and have them follow the author along in this [video](#) as she reads and demonstrates each page.
- » Loose Parts: Loose parts are everyday items around your home or yard that can be used as materials to help create and build. Gather items such as straws, toothpicks, beads, buttons, seashells, rocks, etc. for your little one to use along with their clay to create something new.

