

LITERACY LIFESTYLE

Literacy Lifestyle is a resource for parents to engage in reading, writing, and language skills with their children. The lessons are quick and practical ways to work with your child on the components of literacy.

Literacy Lifestyle:

An important skill in reading is understanding the meaning of the author's words. When we read words that the author has written for characters, we must read with the correct intonation and phrasing that the author intended. We must also understand that when we read nonfiction text, our intonation and phrasing will sound differently.

Lifestyle Goal:

- To engage your child in expressing the meaning of an author's text through intonation and phrasing.

Lifestyle Materials:

- Large paper
- Art box*



INTONATION MATTERS

1. Divide a large paper in half and on one side write (Fiction) on the other side write (Non-fiction)
2. After reading the book, discuss with your child how when we read words that the author has written, we must change how we speak or our intonation to match the words.
 - Write sentences from the story on the fiction side, that require a change in intonation
 - Have your child practice saying the sentences using different intonations.

Look in your house or on the internet for a non-fiction text, something that is real and not created from the imagination. Read the non-fiction text with your child or to your child. Have your child notice how the intonation is different than when you read fiction. Practice non-fiction intonation as you did with the fiction text.

* Perhaps point out to your child that the quotation marks indicate speaking in the fiction text. At times, there is speaking in non-fiction, but in most texts, there is not. This means, the reader can use their own voice.

Fiction

"I'm not grumpy."

"Why are you grumpy, dim?"

"It's such a lovely day."

Non-fiction

Everyone has emotions.

Emotions are the feelings we each have.

Being happy is an emotion

Book Recommendation:

If you are looking for a book to read with your child, *Grumpy Monkey* by Suzanne Lang, tells a story of accepting and being okay with our different emotions. Appropriate for grades TK-2

