



B.C. First Nations Head Start **Creative Book Ideas**

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Photo Album Book

Purchase photo albums with magnetic sheets. Use children's drawings, stories or photos to make books in the albums. Children provide photos and dictate text; teacher assists with writing text.

Lunch Bag Book

Take five paper lunch bags and fold over bottom of each bag to make a peek-a-boo flap. Draw a picture under each flap so only part of it shows. Staple the bags together on the left side. Children try to guess the pictures and lift the flaps to check if they're right.

Grocery Bag Big Book

Cut the front and back off a large paper grocery bag to make large-format book pages. Have children paint or draw on a page, then dictate a sentence about their picture. Gather pages together and punch holes along the left side, and tie pages together with yarn, string or elastic. Songs, nursery rhymes and poems are fun to use in making big books.

Class Families Book

Send home one page of a photo album with each child. Ask parents to help children gather a page or two of info about their family and household (send home a sheet with specific requests so all children are collecting similar information). The children can insert photos, drawings, etc. – anything that is an expression of the child! Once the book is completed, read it at circle time. Keep it where children can look at it whenever they want to. At the end of the year, send that child's page home with them.