

**Different situations where RAPP packs may be used:**

- in parent/child groups
- as support material for “circle time” activities
- in one-to-one tutoring situations with adult literacy students who are parents
- in small learning groups for parents
- directly in the home to enhance the home visitor’s resources
- to add a family literacy element into adult literacy programs

**Details of the contents of a RAPP pack**

**Reading Hints:** Reading Hints that accompany each title give parents ideas to encourage participation by the child in ways that develop her vocabulary and language abilities. For example: The parent might ask the child to make predictions, to find rhyming words, or to name all the animals or colours or any other category of objects in the story. They help parents to know if the child has understood what has been read.

**Language Hints:** Language activities provide ideas that involve thinking and talking. They give parents ideas of how to use language in different ways. They encourage participation by the child. The child’s vocabulary and language abilities develop as they are used.

**Poetry:**

- Some parents keep the poetry and rhymes in a scrapbook to use over again
- Poetry is included for the fun of using language in different ways as well as for the beauty of expression
- Children learn to read with the help of rhyming language and predictable text

**Younger Activity Sheets:**

- These are paper and pencil activity sheets suitable for children 2 to 5 years of age
- Usually for pre-readers and for older children with language delays
- The activity sheets encompass such concepts as opposites, letter recognition, number recognition, following directions, matching, counting, colours, shapes
- Younger children in a family often consider themselves to have “homework” like their older siblings when they receive the activity sheets
- Ideal for school readiness groups

**Older Activity Sheets:**

- These are paper and pencil activity sheets suitable for children 6 to 8 years of age
- They are appropriate for children who are reading or beginning to read
- They are helpful for children who are older but who may also be struggling with literacy issues
- The older activity sheets encompass such things as writing practice, vocabulary development, basic math, decoding

## Craft:

- The craft ideas and materials are very popular
- Many parents cannot afford to buy different items for crafts so including them is appreciated
- Crafts relate to the theme of the book
- We usually make templates from card stock or thicker card
- Small plastic bags are used to package each individual set of craft materials
- Some crafts use scraps of paper, card stock, wool, felt and other leftovers
- None are expensive to reproduce
- Volunteers can make multiple packs of the crafts
- Many crafts are reproduced by photocopying
- Parents and children enjoy working on them together

