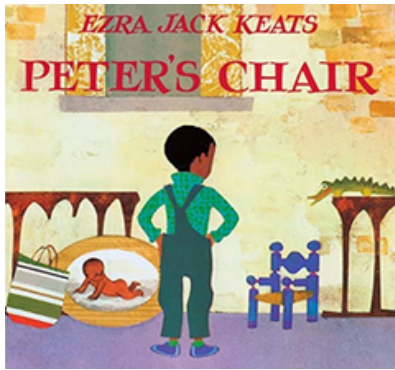


Barkley's Book Pick



Barkley selected Peter's Chair by Erza Jack Keats. Peter's Chair is a story about a boy adjusting to changes in his family life with the addition of a new baby. Peter struggles to share his parents' attention with his new sibling as the family makes this transition.

Below are activities that meet Florida Early Learning and Development Standards that you can do with children in your class or at home!

Activity #1

For young toddlers - Add cotton balls and printed pictures of family members to an empty shoe or shirt box. Once the pictures are hidden have your child pick out a picture and talk about who is in the picture.

Social Studies

VII. Identifies Self and Family Members

Activity #2

Use a sheet of paper and cut 4 strips of paper. Roll each strip of paper into a wide circle and tape it to make the chair legs. Cut a square out of a sheet of paper and place it on top of the circles to be the chair seat. Then fold a piece of paper in half and tape it on top of the square to be the back of the chair. You have created Peter's Chair.

Scientific Inquiry

VI.F.1.c. Explores and constructs simple objects and structures with appropriate materials and explores concept of stability of structures.

Activity #3

Have your child create a self-portrait using different art supplies such as play dough, yarn, construction paper, beads, markers, crayons, etc. Ask them why they may have chosen orange yarn for their hair, or used a purple crayon for their eyes.

Creative Expression Through The Arts

VIII. A.1. Begins to experience the sensory qualities of a wide variety of open ended, diverse and process-oriented sensory materials.