Every Child, Every Story

Shared Reading Planning Template

This template is designed to help users identify strategies and activities for group or individual shared reading experiences. Shared reading is an evidence-based instructional approach that emphasizes the interaction, connection, and meaning-making that occur when a child and an adult explore a book together—either one-on-one or in a small group. Use this template as a planning tool once you have selected a book for shared reading. The companion Every Child, Every Story Shared Reading Guide provides examples of specific access strategies that can be used, as well as resources that may lead to instructions for easy-to-create custom book supports, ready-made book supports available for download, or materials that can be checked out of the OCALI Lending Library. As you begin to complete the template for your chosen book, choose the categories and supports that are right for your child/children. You do not need to fill in every section of the template, only those that address your needs.

Name of Book, Author, and Illustrator:

Key Concepts:

Book Specific Target Vocabulary:

Shared Reading Access Strategies

Children may experience a range of factors that can influence their participation in shared reading, including Language and Literacy, Engagement and Attending, Behavior, Fine and Gross Motor Skills, Low Vision or Blind, Listening, Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Do you have a child or children who could benefit from additional supports and strategies in any of these categories? Refer to the Every Child, Every Story Shared Reading Guide for strategies to use and how to search for specific supporting book resources. Once you have identified possible supports and activities you can use during shared reading, complete the "I Can" statements in the specific categories. Not every strategy or category will apply to every child.

Language and Literacy

Support/Activity Ideas: I can…

Engagement and Attending

Support/Activity Ideas: I can…

Behavior

Support/Activity Ideas: I can…

Fine and Gross Motor Skills

Support/Activity Ideas: I can…

Low Vision or Blind

Support/Activity Ideas: I can…

Listening, Deaf, or Hard of Hearing

Support/Activity Ideas: I can…

Extension Activities

While searching for shared reading resources, you may also find extension activities related to the theme of your selected book. Those activities may provide ideas on how to extend the book's content learning to other areas, such as art, music, STEM, family connection, etc. Record those resources in the chart below to extend the learning fun.

Extension Area	Support/Activity Ideas
Art	
Music	
STEM	
Family Connection	
Other	

Other Books to Read:

Add other books related to key concepts that would support additional learning.
