



# First Pages

## Washing Hands

Everyday childcare routines are perfect for learning language and literacy. Try using these responsive strategies when the children are washing their hands to support language and literacy development.

Responsive Strategy:	Sounds like a caregiver saying this:
Make Predictions	"What will happen if we turn this knob?"
Ask Simple ?s	"Where is the soap?"
Make Comments	"It looks like you used a red marker today."
Be Playful	"Let's rub our hands fast."
Make Silly Rhymes	"Scrub rub" Soap nope" "Hands dry, you can fly"
Follow the Child's Lead	"It looks like you want to turn the water on. Go ahead. I will just be here to help if you need it."
Make Verbal References	"Look! This is the letter C! C stands for cold water."
Point to Words	"This word says, soap."
Notice Letters in Words	"Cold has the letter C, like our school, Cozy Kids."
Notice Sounds in Words	"Towel, what else has that "T" sound?" "table, toys, tickle"
Talk About Reading "Conventions"	"What does this say on our schedule?" We start reading here... "It says, Snack! It is time for Snack!"