

The Littlest Owl

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A simple story complimented by warm-toned illustrations. *The Littlest Owl* shows the fears and frustrations that a smaller owl faces, but also gives hope that even though one might be small, it doesn't mean it can't do big things.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *What would you do if you could fly?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder where the other owls are?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end.

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- How many owlets were born?
- What happened to number four?
- What could 1, 2 and 3 do that 4 could not?
- Why did the owls leave their home?
- Did 4 ever learn how to fly?

Do

The Compliment Game

Sit in a circle and model giving positive and appropriate compliments to each child. For example: *I like your shoes; I love the way you always help others pick up toys; You make me smile with your funny jokes and stories.* Go around the circle and have the children express what they like about each other.

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