

MAKING A BOOK AT HOME FROM FAMILY PHOTOS

Children love to hear stories about themselves. And they like pictures of themselves, too. So doesn't it make sense that they would enjoy a story book you make at home with photos from a family event?

You could use photos you've saved from the past—like your child's birthday or when you got the puppy. Or you could take some photographs today and turn them into a book next week!

Special events—like a trip to the zoo or to grandma's—are obvious topics for a book. But ordinary events make good books, too—like your child helping to wash the car, working in the yard or helping with the baby.

All you'll need is a camera and a little photo album. You can probably buy both for less than it would cost to buy a book!

After you've taken the photos and had them printed, or selected some from those you already have, glue each on a piece of heavy paper—an index card is fine. Leave room to write a few words about each photo. For example: "First, (your child's name) used the hose to wet the car. Then (your child's name) soaped it up." Put the photos in order in a small photo album. Don't forget the title page. For example: (YOUR CHILD'S NAME) WASHES THE CAR. Remember that the author's name (yours!) goes on the title page, too!

And, finally, *enjoy your very own book—made at home with love for your very favorite beginning reader* who will very likely want to read it again and again and again.

HOORAY!