

Personal Response

What is “Personal Response” and why is it important?

"Personal Response" is a strategy that allows your child to write about stories he is reading. Writing provides an opportunity for your child to use his phonics knowledge in a meaningful context. Encourage your child to "sound out" words by using the sounds he has learned. This will help him learn letter/sound associations and become a better reader.

How can I use “Personal Response” with my child?

After reading a story with your child, encourage him to write a personal response to the passage. The written response can contain a summary of the story or opinions that your child has of the story or the characters. Young children (kindergarten and first grade) will only be able to spell portions of words while older children can spell many words correctly.

Don't worry if your child can't spell all the words correctly - help him sound them out as he writes or teach him to go back and correct the spelling. Also, make sure he uses capitals to begin a sentence and a period, question mark or exclamation point to end each sentence.

Personal Responses for *Little Red Riding Hood*

I think that Little Red Riding Hood was a good story.

I liked the part when the wolf dressed up like Grandma.

Little Red Riding Hood was very smart.

If I were Little Red Riding Hood, I would have been scared of the wolf.

She was very brave.