

GUIDE SHEET: ELMER

LABEL AND TRY TO USE THESE WORDS IN CONVERSATION WITH YOUR CHILD THIS WEEK:

Color Words:

bright colors
patchwork
colorful patterns
stripes

Feelings:

happy
sad
surprised
proud

Opposites:

same and different
big and little
silly and serious
young and old

Sound Words:

laughing
silence
shouting

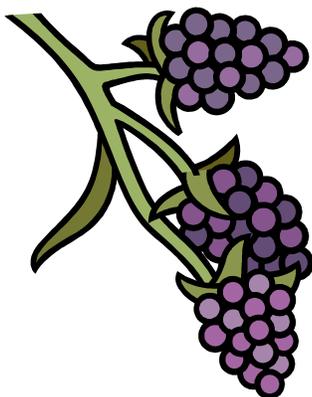
Quantities:

many colors
bunches of berries
herd of elephants

Describe your actions. Encourage your child to describe actions.

- Try picture reading this book first. See if your child can tell you what is happening. Count the elephants, point out the different colors of the elephants. Next time, see if your child will listen to you as you read the book.
- Ask questions about the pictures to help your child reason things out: Can you point out Elmer even when he is gray like all the other elephants?
- Talk about the colors of the animals: What color elephant would you like to be? Would you like to be the striped elephant or the elephant with hearts?

REMEMBER



ENCOURAGE
Curiosity
Imagination
Independence

Encourage your child to TALK
ASK the child questions
LISTEN to the child's answers
ADD to his/her comments

Encourage the child to WANT TO LEARN
PRAISE when the child does well
Try to IGNORE mistakes
HELP when the child really needs it

