



# First Pages In Classrooms

## 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.

### Make Predictions

"What will happen if we turn this knob?"



### Ask Simple ?s

"Where is the soap?"



### Point to Words

"This word says, soap."



### Notice Letters in Words

"Cold has the letter C, like our school, Cozy Kids."

### Make Comments

"It looks like you used a red marker today."



### Be Playful

"Let's rub our hands fast."



### Notice Sounds in Words

"Towel, what else has that 'T' sound?"

"table,  
toys,  
tickle"



### 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."

### Talk About Reading "Conventions"

"What does this say on our schedule?"

We start reading here...

"It says, Snack! It is time for Snack!"

### Make Verbal References

"Look! This is the letter C!  
C stands for cold water."



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