Jordan School District Elementary Library Media Curriculum Grade: K

Parts of a Book

Skills Category	Parts of a Book
Grade Level	Kindergarten
Time Required	5-10 minutes
Objectives	Students will identify the title, author and spine of a book.
Materials Needed	3 Picture Books
Preparation	Read through procedure and locate picture books.
Procedure	"What is a spine?" (If they are not sure, have a student stand up and point out his spine.) Sometimes you call it your back, but the part right down the middle is your spine. Your ribs and other bones are fastened to your spine.
	"A book also has a spine. What part of the book do you think is the spine? This is the part that holds all of the pages together. Can you see how all the pages are fastened onto the spine of the book?
	"The spine also connects the front and back covers and holds the pages inside.
	"Do you know what a title is? The title is the name of the book." It is located on the front cover and on the spine of the book."
	Using one of the picture books you have chosen as an example, show students the cover and spine of the book.
	Next, show them the author's name on the front of the book and tell them the author is the person who wrote the story.
	Using two other picture books of your choice, point out the cover, spine, and author's name.
	Point to the spine and cover and have the students repeat "spine" and "cover" with you.

This lesson should be reviewed before any story shared with students.

Note: Be sure the let students know that picture books are for Everyone.