

Book Center Overview

The Mercer Mayer book center can be set up as an independent activity center for children who are always finished their work early or it can be a part of all the children's regular Language Arts programs. The center contains four activities for each of ten Mercer Mayer books. The children record their answers in a notebook or halfscap booklet. A checklist is included for the children to record all the activities they complete. You decide whether the children need to complete every activity for every book or whether they only need to complete two or three activities for each book. The following activities are included for each of the ten books listed in the bibliography. All activities are ready to be photocopied, cut, mounted on bristol board or manilla tag, and laminated.

Reading Questions

The children answer five questions that deal with the book they read. They answer the questions in complete sentences, using words from the question in their answers. If the children are unfamiliar with this type of activity, provide them with demonstrations and practice.

Word Match

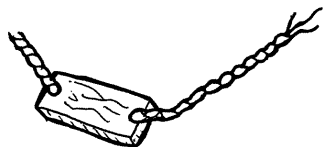
The children match words from the books they read to simple definitions. Each book has five words to match with their definitions.

Alphabetical Order

The children put ten words in alphabetical order. The words are chosen from the Mercer Mayer book they read. Remind children what to do if more than one word starts with the same letter.

Art Activity

The final activity the children complete is an art activity. The art activity is related to the book they read and involves drawing and coloring. The children print a sentence about their picture when they are finished.



"Just My Friend and Me"
Reading Questions



1. Name three things that Little Critter and his friend play.

2. What does Little Critter's friend like to do when they play ball?

3. Why did the swing break?

4. Who takes care of Little Critter's cuts and bruises?

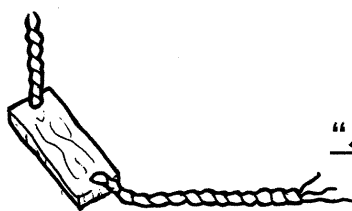
5. What do you like to do with your friend?



"Just My Friend and Me"
Art Activity

Draw and color a picture of you playing with a friend. Print a sentence on the bottom of your picture that tells what you are doing.

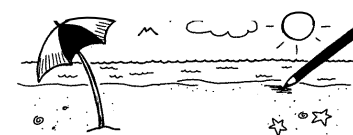




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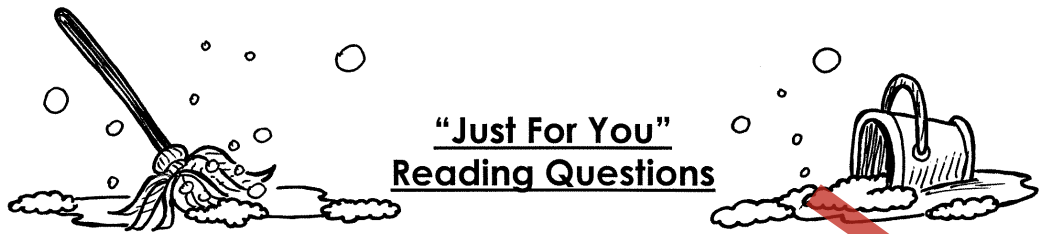
Apple	something to eat
tree	something to climb
rope	something to jump
bike	something to ride
bat	something to hit with



"Just Grandma and Me"
Art Activity

Draw and color a picture of what you like to do at the beach. Print a sentence on the bottom of your picture that tells what you are doing at the beach.





"Just For You" Reading Questions

1. What happened when Little Critter tried to make eggs?

2. Why did Little Critter drop the dishes?

3. What happened when Little Critter carried the groceries?

4. Why didn't Little Critter set the table?

5. What did Little Critter do that was special?



"Just Me and My Dad" Reading Questions

1. Who went camping?

2. Who pitched the tent?

3. What happened to the canoe?

4. What did the bear take?

5. Who read Little Critter a story?



"Just Me and My Dad" Art Activity

Draw and color a picture of you doing something with your Dad. Print a sentence on the bottom of your picture that tells what you are doing.

Large rounded rectangular box for drawing and coloring.

Name of Mercer Mayer Book	Read Book to Self	Read Book to a Partner	Reading Questions	Word Match	Alphabetical Order	Art Activity