

Here are ideas I have collected on the web. I can't take credit for the greatness of the ideas.... thank you all

The Kissing Hand

I read this book to my first graders on the first day of school. We discussed ways that parents helped them feel better on their own first day of school. Then I gave each student his/her own special "kiss" (a Hershey's Kiss). It was a great icebreaker!

I bought the little calendar cutout hands and wrote a letter to the parents explaining the book and telling them that here was a kissing hand for them from their little one. The kids wet their lips and kissed the middle of the paper hand. They traced around the wet lips spot, and then they glued the hand to the bottom of the letter. A small amount of Vaseline on the lips might make a better lip shape that the kids could still outline.

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Raccoon, Raccoon by Pam Miller Raccoon, raccoon, (each time you kind of make a mask around your eyes with your fingers) Up in a tree, (both arms raised) Raccoon, Raccoon, You can't see me. (Cover eyes) Raccoon, raccoon, I can see you (one hand on your eyes, one pointing out to imaginary raccoon) Eating fish and corn (imitate eating motions) and birds' eggs too. Raccoon, raccoon, Hunting at night, (hands shade eyes as if squinting in the dark) Raccoon, raccoon, Sleeps in daylight. (the usual sleeping motion we all do)

I just bought a hard copy of the book and it had heart stickers with "The Kissing Hand" printed on them. I thought I would have the kids trace and cut out their hands and then I will give them a sticker to put on their cutouts.

I wanted ideas also. One thing I'm going to do is paint a tiny red heart in the palm of their hands.

I made flashcards on the computer with vocabulary words from the story, ran them off on colored paper, cut them apart and put into individual envelopes. I made a large class set of these words.

•raccoon •thoughts •thoughtful •nuzzled •scampered •promise •palm •warmth •any others you'd like to use

We cut the words out and displayed them on our desks. We categorized them according to parts of speech. I'd read the section from the book, which contained the word so we

could "decide" which part of speech the word was. We used these same word cards to alphabetize them.

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