

September 2012 2 years

Past 2-year Raising Readers books

Oral Language: Second Language Development

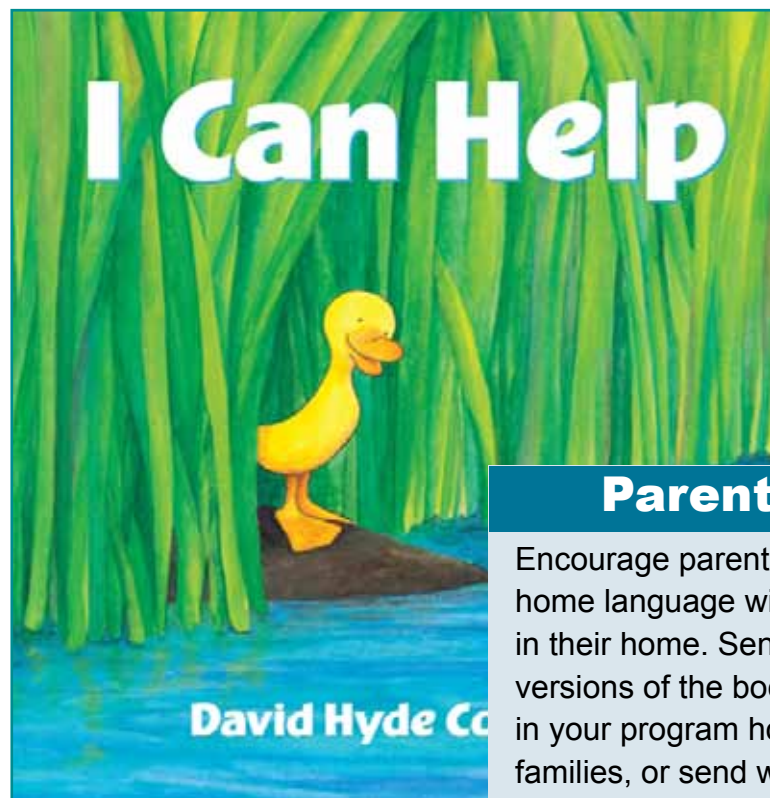
At the age of two, children are using two to three word sentences, so “predictable books”, (those with a repeated word or phrase) work really well. If you have children who do not speak English at home, this repetition can help to make a book accessible to them. Toddlers also enjoy books with simple plots; this also helps if you need to have books translated into their home language. Many books are available in languages other than English, check with your local library or on the Internet. Remember that children who do not speak English at home may go through a “silent” or “non-verbal” period at school. This can last up to a year and a half for a toddler. Continue to talk and model language, using “self-talk” as you describe what you are doing. Just because the child may not speak to you does not mean s/he is not learning the language of the classroom.

Other books with translations to share with this age group

La Oruga Muy Hambrienta (The Very Hungry Caterpillar in Spanish) by Eric Carle

Animal Colors in Arabic & English Brian Wildsmith

My First Bilingual Book (English/Vietnamese) Milet Publisher



Parent Tip

Encourage parents to use their home language with the child in their home. Send translated versions of the books you have in your program home with families, or send wordless books and suggest that families tell the stories in their native language.

RAISING READERS THROUGH THE YEAR



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Library Card Sign-Up Month

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 International Literacy Day

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Bilingual children who do best in school are those who have had a strong grounding in their home language.

-Tabors, 2008