

## Slot Books

I like this kind of book because I do not need anything to put the book together. It is fun to make and to "read." Just copy the book back to front and cut along the dotted lines.

I have a center that is specifically for activities and ideas using environmental print. This is a great addition. I make these for the children. We "read" them in a small group. When we are finished with the book in class I send home a master and the directions for the children to make with their parents.

### A little bit of information on Environmental Print

Definition: Environmental Print is the print of everyday life: The symbols, signs, numbers, and colors found in *McDonald's*, *Wal-Mart*, *Exxon*, *Pizza Hut*, *7-Up*, and on websites, for instance. They offer excellent entry points for young children to begin to learn to read, write, and do math.



Resources for environmental print are: Books, billboards, calendars, catalogs, comics, containers, coupons, flyers, greeting cards, grocery stores, journals, labels, magazines, menus, newspapers, office supply packaging, posters, recipes, road signs, snack bags, telephone books, and websites.

The reasons to use environmental print: It is everywhere and, because it is, it is a natural starting point to teach young children to read, write, and do math. Children have a concrete connection to everyday print. They "read" it within the context of their everyday experiences--their interests and backgrounds. It bridges the gap between the functional print of school and the print outside. It doesn't cost a lot of money to use.

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