## **English Language Arts**

- The child is developing oral reading skills by pretending to read a book out loud, which helps in understanding tone, inflection, and expression when reading.
- Through this activity, the child is reinforcing their knowledge of story structure, including the beginning, middle, and end of a story.
- This activity encourages listening comprehension and helps the child develop an understanding of plot, characters, and setting in a story.
- By pretending to read to their sister, the child is practicing and reinforcing the concept of audience awareness, as they are aware of another person's attention and engagement.

Encourage the child to continue this activity by providing them with a variety of books that interest them. Additionally, engage them in discussions about the stories they pretend to read, encouraging them to retell the story in their own words. You can also play imaginative games related to the books they "read," such as acting out scenes or creating art inspired by the stories.

## **Book Recommendations**

- <u>"Where the Wild Things Are"</u> by Maurice Sendak: A classic children's book about a young boy's imaginative journey to an island inhabited by wild creatures.
- <u>"The Very Hungry Caterpillar"</u> by Eric Carle: A colorful and engaging story about a caterpillar's transformation into a beautiful butterfly.
- <u>"Goodnight Moon"</u> by Margaret Wise Brown: A soothing bedtime story with beautiful illustrations that promote early reading habits.

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