

# Create Your Own Book of Wonder

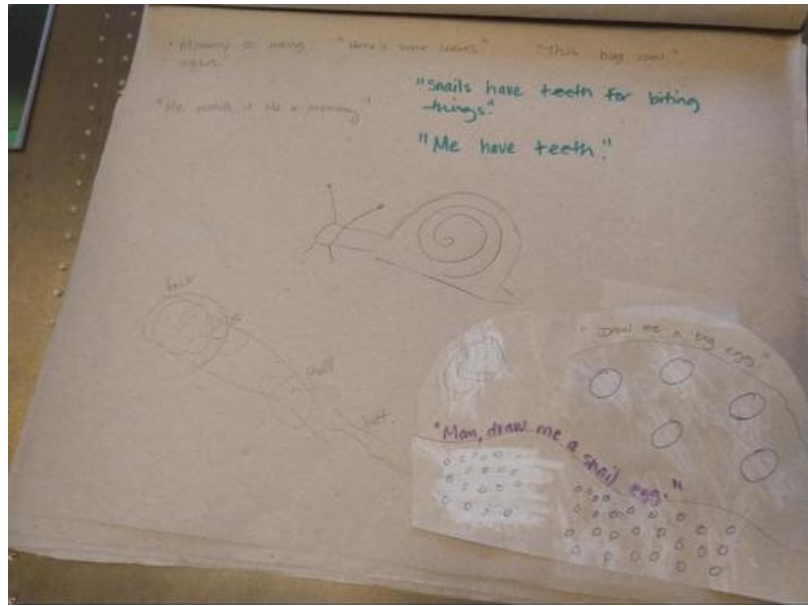
Record your child's learning by creating your very own "Book of Wonder" where your child can record their questions, ideas, drawings, and all the things they learn from the world around them!

## What You Need:

- Brown packing paper
- A variety of coloring materials
- Printer (optional for printing pictures)
- Duct tape (for binding the top of the book)
- A variety of creative materials (e.g., paint, magazine pictures, stickers, photographs, etc.)

## What You Do:

Today, you will be creating a modified version of [Claire Warden's Floorbook Approach](#). Floorbooks are blank books where teachers and parents record children's voices, actions, and ideas. Here's how to start inquiry learning with your child:



1. Get out the large brown packing paper. Cut the paper into large squares and duct-tape the top.
2. On the front of your book, have your child support you in writing their name.
3. Use your "Book of Wonder" with your child by:
  - Noticing what they are playing with and taking pictures. Place the pictures in the book after printing them out and encourage your child to talk about what they were creating or thinking. Write down their ideas.
  - Record interesting and surprising things your child says. If your child makes a connection (e.g., snails have teeth for biting things and I have teeth for biting things) write it down to see all the learning that is taking place!
  - Encourage your child to draw pictures, create artwork with paint and various coloring materials, ask questions, create collages with pictures from magazines.
  - Get out the "Book of Wonder" after you go on a special vacation, road trip, or have an awesome experience with your family. For example, if you go to a pumpkin patch, encourage your child to draw and write about their experience when they get home. Extend their learning by printing out pictures and placing them in the book,

Keep the "Book of Wonder" in your child's room and look at the book before bed each night. This will encourage your child to feel proud and take ownership of all of their learning. Soon your child will want to show off their special book to family and friends!