

# Early Literacy Moments

Liam and Charlie, dramatic play  
“What would you like to order today?”

Notes are jotted, pages flip,  
Early literacy apprenticeship  
Loops and lines of approximation  
Representing their dictation  
Teacher observes, makes a note  
Later, it becomes an anecdote

Three questions to ask, no more postponements

Teacher uses the developmental moments

Organize the information of what these two showed

No need for a data overload

Kid watching now, what does this show?

Question one: what do they already know?

What are they learning? is number two,  
Assessing their work will give you a clue

Developmental moments question three,

How can you support them developmentally?

Don't focus on deficits, but rather, their strengths

Creativity, comprehension, and attention lengths

The language community that surrounds them each day

Is working to guide this dramatic play

Initial writing at it's best,

An authentic way to have them assessed

Engaged in play and writing vigorously,

They are showing signs of early literacy

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