BOOK TITLE: Sally and the Purple Socks
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SUMMARY OF BOOK: Sally receives a pair of purple socks in the mail with a note that says the socks will grow to the size ordered. Once out of the box, the socks grow and grow as Sally tries to find a way to use them.

*BEFORE READING (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

Try questions such as these:
1. Look at the front and back covers and ask, What do you think this story might be about?
2. Talk about getting packages and presents in the mail.
3. “Have you ever received something in the mail that was too big or too small? What did you do?”

DURING READING (ask these questions):
1. What would you do if your socks kept growing?
2. Before you turn all the pages after the rain, ask “What do you think will happen when the socks get wet?”
3. “What do you think will happen in the snow?”

AFTER READING (activity to extend book experience):
1. Come up with other suggestions Sally could do with her growing socks.
2. Make sock puppets or hold a circus like the one Sally had in her backyard.
3. Feel a variety of different fabrics to find one that might feel like Sally’s socks: “soft, cozy, warm, and luxurious.”
4. What things grow with water? (sponges, cereal) What things shrink?

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