



# My Mom and Dad Take Care of Me

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## Literacy Focus

### Overview

#### Print and Book Conventions

- Pictures and words work together to give meaning
- Sentences are read left to right
- Space between words marks the beginning and end of words
- The order of words conveys meaning
- Capital letters begin sentences and periods mark the end of sentences

#### Oral Language Development

- Listening to and answering questions to clarify what taking care of someone means
- Using the nouns *mom*, *dad* and the pronoun *me*
- Relating experiences about a special time someone took care of them

#### Content and Thinking Skills

- Understanding that family members look after each other
- Understanding that parents take care of children

#### Read and Discuss

##### Cover and Title Page

Discuss with children how this book is different from the other books. (*It is horizontal.*) Then ask them what they see in the photos on the cover and the title page. Talk about who the people in the photos might be and what the book might be about.

##### Pages 2–7

Focus on the text under the photo. Read each sentence, emphasizing reading from left to right. Ask children to point to the capital letter at the beginning of each sentence and the period at the end. For each page, ask:

*What is the mom (dad) doing?*

*Is that taking care of someone?*

*How?*

Discuss with children how the family members look as the parents help the child.

##### Page 8

Ask children how this page is different from the others. Focus on the word *and*. Then ask:

*How are the parents taking care of the boy?*

*Who else could do this?*

#### Respond

- Reread the story and pause to allow children to complete each sentence by adding *mom* or *dad*.
- Have children draw a picture of themselves and write a sentence about who takes care of them.
- Ask children to write sentences without capital letters and periods. Have them take turns showing their sentences while their classmates tell how to correct the sentences.

## Social Studies Focus

#### Social Studies Activities

- Have children role-play looking after someone. Then ask volunteers to tell about things they could do to be a good caretaker.
- Ask children to share and discuss ways adults can take care of children. Have children illustrate their ideas. Arrange their pictures in a display.