Dear Parents,

Here’s a great technique for creating a blank book. Work with your child to make these folded little books. Once children master the fold-a-book technique, they will eagerly use it to create blank books (any size) for their own writing and illustrating purposes.

**Fold-A-Book Instructions**

1. Fold a rectangular sheet of paper in half lengthwise. (We sometimes call this the “hot dog” or horizontal fold.)
2. Fold in half again, as for book. Crease tightly.
3. Fold in half again. Crease tightly.
4. Unfold the sheet – hold it vertically (up and down)
5. Fold in half width-wise. (The “hamburger” fold.)
6. Cut along the center crease from the folded edge to the X.
7. Open the sheet again.
8. Return to the original lengthwise fold (as in #1).
9. Push the end sections together, and it will fold itself into the child-size Little Book. Four sections are formed.

**Cut-And-Staple Book Instructions**

A sheet (or sheets) of paper are cut in half or thirds and stapled to form an 8, 12, or 16-page child-size Little Book.