

a small picture book of picture post cards inserted in small transparent, plastic-paged photo books. The post cards are of animals, airplanes, and people and places in Tenerife. We set out his books on shelves in the dining and bedrooms face-up so that he can see what book he would like to choose for himself.

10. HE IS SO DRAMATIC ABOUT IMITATING WHAT HE SEES IN A BOOK! When he sees a picture of a hat in a book, he acts like he is putting a hat on; he also puts his fist up to his ear when he points out a telephone, etc. He makes a different kind of a zoom or motor noise for an airplane than for a truck or car.

11. IT'S IMPORTANT WHEN LOOKING THROUGH BOOKS WITH A CHILD THAT YOU TURN EACH PAGE GENTLY and carefully so that he will fol-



low your sample. Start at the beginning of the book and go to the end. Point out things on the left side of the page before pointing out things on the right so that the child will become accustomed to reading from left-to-right, an important pointer for "Reading Readiness".

12. SALLY LEANED OVER TO DRESS HIM ONE MORNING WHEN SHE WAS NOT YET DRESSED, and Davidito looked up and "studied the situation real carefully" before he reached up and turned each "knob" to see if she'd turn on--Ha!

13. HE ALWAYS HAS TO HAVE SOMETHING TO CARRY in his hands, even if it is way too heavy or too big a load for him, like two brooms, three bottles of powder, the vacuum cleaner, two pillows, etc.

14. DAVIDITO LOVES TO WALK ON TIPTOE, either because he likes the height or because he is trying to dance like us. He also "teases" us by walking backwards. He's got rhythm in that Spanish blood! He dances to the rhythmic sound of the blender, the rain outside, Dave's sawing, the sewing machine, and even me when I go pee-pee on the toilet--anything that's got a beat he will dance to!

15. HE LEARNS NEW VOCABULARY WORDS VERY EASILY EVERY DAY. He can differentiate between the watch and the clock, kinds of foods, can point out as you ask him each type of furniture in the room, knows all the parts of the body of a naked person, etc. He learns through our conversations with him--the "discussions" we have as we work along together, and through the repetition of new

words that he hears.

16. THERE IS NO REASON WHY A SMALL CHILD SHOULD NOT BE EXPOSED TO OR LEARN TO USE THE DESCRIPTIVE VOCABULARY OF AN ADULT. Providing the words' meanings are made clear and repeatedly used, the child will definitely learn them and probably take a great interest in talking and expressing himself.

17. DAVIDITO HAS BEEN MEETING A FEW OF OUR FRIENDS LATELY when they visit the house. He really checked out our beautiful Swedish visitor, Eva (a Leo). She observed him quite closely and said, "He is so sensitive... He is really concerned and careful about what is in his hands... His eyes are so serious. There is really something special about that little guy!"

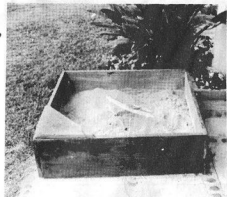
18. ANOTHER NIGHT, EVA'S BOY-FRIEND BERNARDO ASKED IN SPANISH TO SHAKE DAVIDITO'S HAND, and Davidito quickly offered his right hand, just like he understood every word! We didn't even know that he knew what "shake hands" meant, much less in Spanish! We all really believe that he understands Spanish very well and prefers the Spanish people to others because of his favourable reactions to them.

19. DAVIDITO WAVES SIDE TO SIDE TO US WHEN WE SAY BYE-BYE, but opens and closes his hand in a way which the local Spaniards do when they say "adios" to him. He's a "Become One", bilingual baby at one year old!

20. ON FEBRUARY 16, CARLOS CAME OVER AND VISITED WITH MOMMY AND DADDY, but Davidito kept very busy playing and didn't pay much attention to him. Dad said in

Spanish to Carlos, "Davidito likes to play with big sticks, just like a witch!" and Davidito suddenly looked up and laughed out loud like he had understood exactly what Daddy said in Spanish! Mommy said that Davidito's spirit helpers must only speak Spanish.

21. MOMMY READ IN A CHILDCARE BOOK THAT TODDLER AND OLDER CHILDREN ENJOY SAND PLAY, so Dave made a very simple wooden sandbox that we put right at the corner of the



porch. Dito learned he was not allowed to eat or throw the sand in any way.

