Meeting Individual Needs

Opinion Banners
Help children brainstorm a list of possible opinion topics. Then give each child a large piece of poster paper in the shape of a banner. Have each child write an opinion on his or her banner and add at least two reasons that support it. Encourage children to include pictures as examples to explain each reason. The pictures can be drawings, paintings, or pictures cut from magazines. (See sample below.) Display the banners in the classroom.

I like to go camping.
1. I like to be in nature.
2. I have fun with my family.

Challenge

Make a Book Jacket
Show children some book jackets on which people have stated opinions about the book. Read some of the opinions, calling attention to supporting reasons. Ask children which statements make them want to read the book. Then have each child choose a book he or she likes and create a book jacket for it. Each jacket should include the following: a front cover with the title, author’s name, and an illustration; a back cover with an opening sentence or two at the top, an opinion (or two), reasons and examples, and a closing. Draw a model on the board for children to follow. (See sample shown.)