



Retelling the Story

Creative Curriculum Project



This week, we have been reading Fairy Tales and working on retelling stories. Share a short, original story with your child that he/she can retell to a stuffed animal or a friend. Storytelling gives your child an opportunity to remember and retell main events. Although the details of the story may change, they can piece together the main points of the story. Becoming familiar with stories and how they work will help your child when they begin to read.

Instructions:

- Find a stuffed animal that your child likes. Explain to your child that you will tell them a story and then your child can share the story with the stuffed animal. (You could say, "I'm going to tell you a story. Listen carefully so later you'll be able to tell the story to your stuffed animal.")
- Begin your story with a description of the main character, such as a racoon, followed by three clear events. Add as many details as you think your child can remember. (For example: "First the racoon went looking for someone to play with. Then, he met a scary bear who chased him home. Last, he went into his house and found his friend rabbit who had come over to play.")
- Encourage your child to retell the story to the stuffed animal.
- Make the stuffed animal an enthusiastic listener so that your child stays engaged in the storytelling.
- Afterwards, if you are ready to move on, invite the stuffed animal to retell a story to your child, but make sure to change a few details so that the stuffed animal makes some mistakes. This gives your child an opportunity to correct the stuffed animal and recall more about the story.

1. What story did you tell your child? _____
2. What characters were in the story? _____
3. How did your child react to the story? _____
4. Did the stuffed animal retell the story to your child? _____
5. Was your child able to correct the mistakes when the stuffed animal retold the story? _____

Child's Name: _____

Name of Adult (Print): _____

Adult's Signature: _____

Date: _____ Time Spent (circle one): 30 min 1 hr. 1.5 hrs. 2hrs.

Verified By Staff: _____ Date: _____

Early Learning Scale Strands:

7.1 – Speaking

7.2 – Story Retelling