

What is Story Workshop?

Story Workshop is a structure that supports language and literacy development. Adults work alongside children as they explore prepared environments and experiences.

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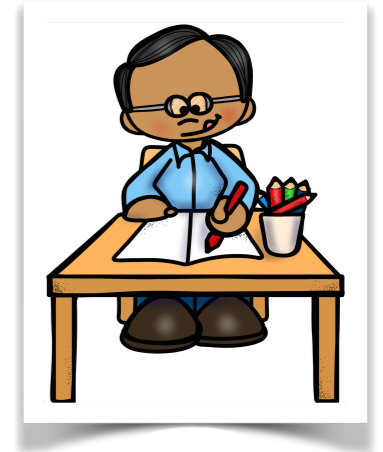
- * Where do stories live?
- * What stories do I want to world to hear?
- * What stories do I need to tell?
- * How do stories influence me and our community?



Why Story Workshop?



Story Workshop helps teachers work with students who exclaim they have nothing to write about during writing workshop.



Students start to understand that they:

- * can be curious about the environment around them
- * are competent communicators
- * have important stories to tell
- * can make connections to other people's stories
- * have big emotions they can explore and share with others

Writing Workshop Connection



Preparation: A selection of writing paper, writing utensils, blank books made of stapled paper, alphabet charts

Invitation: An empowering action for students who have created stories through story workshop is to write them down so their story can be accessed for a long period of time.

Instruction: With both story workshop and writer's workshop, teachers use students' own writing to teach writing skills and strategies.

Using Documentation to Inform Practice

- Consider Intentions:** What is your learning intention? What materials will you need? What provocations will you use? What will you invite the children to do?
- Prepare:** What do you want to gather more information about? What tools will you need? How will you position yourself to observe with an open mind?
- Observe:** Capture through notes, writing down children's dialogue, take photographs to support your memory.
- Interpret & Speculate:** What do you notice? What patterns do you see? What evidence do you see that supports your interpretation. What surprises or confuses you?

What are your next steps?