

Storytelling Counts

10 Integrating Math, Science, & Social Studies into Language Arts

Storytelling enhances common core standards and engages learning across the curriculum. Here's a little story. All the children in Mrs. Abrams' pre-school class could count rote. But, little Randy would only stare with wishful and tearful eyes. Just a few days after Queen's residency began, it was Randy's turn.....and we all sang "...Randy's in the middle raising them high, Randy's in the middle counting to five; and, with no hesitation, he shouted, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.....we all cheered YEAH RANDY! – Now, Mrs. Abrams was the one with tearful eyes.

Elementary Grades

1. **Picture Books.** Ask students to tell the story incorporating counting or comparative sizing on each page.
2. **Animal Tales.** Read, rewrite and retell stories highlighting Place. Add details of plant life, water properties and weather.
3. **Fairytales.** Read, rewrite and retell stories highlighting relationship of characters to location. Incorporate food, clothing and traditions.
4. **Legends and Tall Tales.** Read, rewrite and retell stories changing the setting to a different country. Incorporate landmarks, language and music.
5. **Myths.** Read, rewrite and retell stories adding details about earth (rocks, minerals & mountain formations) and sky (clouds, constellations, stars and planets).
6. **Proverbs.** Read traditional proverbs. Create new proverbs applying metaphors to the function of the body, and nature's four elements.
7. **Storypoems.** Read and Rewrite a traditional tale in meter.
8. **Folktales.** Read, rewrite and retell stories adding outdoor games that use counting or incorporate
9. **Historical Stories.** Read, rewrite and retell stories with characters telling time, taking measurements, counting money and weighing.
10. **Family Stories.** Interview a family member centering questions on one of the following: family craft traditions, immigration, migration, 1st time voting, participating in civil rights or neighborhood causes. Write and tell the story.

Resources

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| Norfolk Sherry, Jane Stenson and Diane Williams | The Storytelling Classroom: Applications Across the Curriculum |
| Schiller, Pam, and Pat Phipps | Starting with Stories: Engaging Multiple Intelligencies through Children's Books |
| Schiro, Michael Stephen | Oral Storytelling & Teaching Mathematics: Pedagogy and Multicultural Perspectives |

Anchor Standards CCS ELA

CCRA.R. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,, 9, 10
 CCRA.W 1 through 10
 CCRA.L 1, through 6
 CCRA.SL 2, 3, 4, 6



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