

Families and Literacy

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The goal of the Families and Literacy Committee of the WSRA is to develop and carry out plans which convey to parents the value of involvement in reading activities with children.

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Family Reading Fun

Snowed in? Don't have any good stories to read and can't get to the library? No problem. Make up your own story to tell. The art of story telling is a great way to pass on your own family history and heritage to the next generation. Take a minute to recall a true story from your own life and share it with your children. You may be surprised at how interested your children are to hear your stories. Just remember to take turns. Children are just as enthusiastic to tell their own stories!

Here are more ideas on how to get started telling stories.

*Look through the family

photo album. Use the pictures as a springboard to your story.

*Recall a happy or sad moment in your life. Tell about it in detail.

*Retell a familiar story such as The Three Little Pigs or The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Be sure to use different voices!

*Use flannel board figures or puppets to tell a story.

*Draw a picture and have your child make up a story to go with it.

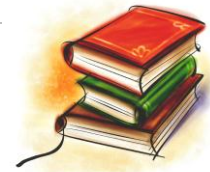
*Attend a storytelling event at the public library.

Everyone has a story. What's yours?

Meet the Author

Lynne Rae Perkins

Lynne Rae Perkins is a recent Newbury Award winning author of Criss Cross. When she is not working in her studio, she enjoys watching her own children grow. In fact, she has written several other family friendly books that inspire generations to tell and retell their own stories, including; Pictures From Our Vacation, The Broken Cat, Snow Music, and Home Lovely. Find out more about Lynne Rae Perkins at www.lynneraeperkins.com.



Website Spotlight

Looking for a way to boost your child's brain development? Visit

www.braininsightsonline.com

You will find great information and real brain development activities and ideas to use everyday with young children.



Literacy Tip

Every minute of reading counts! Make the most of those minutes waiting in the doctor or dentist's office by reading and telling stories with your child. Use the pictures in magazines in the waiting room to orally create stories together. Keep your child busy and develop literacy skills at the same time!