

Once Upon a Time

HELLO, FAMILY!

Over the next three weeks, our class will be learning about stories that teach valuable life lessons.

We will read many kinds of stories, from classic fairy tales to modern retellings, and even an informational text about how to appreciate a story. Children will also write a story about an imaginary friend or place.

BRING IT HOME! Learning fun for the whole family!

Big Idea Words

Reinforce these important topic words when you read or talk with your child:

moral
relate
version

Try to incorporate questions like these into everyday conversations:

- What is the moral of a story you know?
- Which character do you relate to most?
- What is your version of what happened?



Let's Read Together

Make a special time and place to read with your child every day.

During this module about storytelling, try these activities during your reading time together:

- Tell which characters you'd like to be friends with and why.
- Talk about how a lesson that a character learns in a story can help you.
- Read the dialogue in a different voice for each character.

Word Play

Play with words to help develop skills that are important for reading.

- **Week 1: Silent Challenge**
See who can write the most words with silent letters, such as *kn*, *wr*, *gn*, or *mb*. Read your lists aloud.
- **Week 2: Rhyme Time**
Make up rhymes using words with *ai* or *ay*. For example: *mail/pail*, *may/pay*.
- **Week 3: Long e or Short e?**
In a newspaper or online article, see how many words you can find with *ea* as a long or short vowel sound. For example: *beamed*, *head*.