

Story Workshop Overview

Hello Parents!

Story Workshop is a fun and exciting way to introduce children to story writing and storytelling. Below is a summary of why we use story workshop followed by some ways you can do this at home. – Mrs. Singh

Focus of Story Workshop

Story workshop focuses on helping children hear their individual voice and provides a supportive, interactive, and challenging environment. In this environment, students will develop their reading, writing, listening, speaking, critical thinking, and imaginative problem-solving capacities. Story Workshop also cultivates the following:

Confidence

- Gives children a voice and a choice
- Shows that there is no wrong way to tell a story
- Allows students to work at their own pace

Creativity

- Allows the use of a variety of materials for exploring or creating
- Supports inspiration
- Allows students to see different perspectives or solutions when their peers use the same materials in a variety of ways

Compassion

- Encourages collaboration
- Inspires students to want to learn about the stories of others
- Helps students to problem solve and learn how to offer/receive a helping hand

Leadership

- Cultivates a desire to support others
- Empowers ownership of stories
- Allows students to take risks and practice sharing and contributing to others
- Teaches students to be mindful
- Recognize what they share has value

Getting Started

Story workshopping involves children building different stories with **materials** you provide at home like Lego, building blocks, acorns, sticks, cars or stuffed toys.

Include Elements of a Story

Children are to create a story with a **setting, characters, beginning, middle, and end**. They can use their own voice to make the characters talk out loud. Allow time to build the **setting** before telling the story. A setting significantly helps to shape the story.

After building a setting, children can start to **create a story**. Anything can happen in their story so allow ample time to explore and create events using the materials. When they are finished, have them share their story—this is good storytelling practice! Share your favourite part or ask them if there was a **problem** and **solution** or what they might change for next time. Remember to always be encouraging.

YouTube video of one example of [story workshop at home](#)

Story Writing

Using a writing template or own paper, encourage children to draw and write down the different stories they built. They can describe story events using words, sentences and letter sounds. Next, they can add pictures to illustrate the setting and actions of characters. Story books are to be full of colourful pictures that children can read to everyone in the house!



Different Examples of Story Workshop Settings



Here are some of the amazing settings your children have made over the term as examples. Any materials can be used.
Settings can be in a jungle, zoo, planet, under water, beach ect.