

Summer Reading Activities



	Kindergarten – Activity #9
Title	Tell and Draw a Story
Parent Information	<p>Our lives are full of moments that can become opportunities to share oral and written stories. Have you ever spilled your coffee in the car, or found something special you thought was lost? Helping our children recognize small moment “stories” throughout the day can support oral language and fine motor development as well as an understanding of story structure and elements.</p> <p>Our memories or “stories” are often tied to emotion. Help your child identify the emotion that is connected to the event or memory to enhance the storytelling activity.</p> <p>Once a child has orally shared a story, they can also practice drawing their story. Emergent writers can use basic shapes to draw a character, a setting, and the significant event. Details such as labels and speech bubbles for dialogue can also be included to build on the story telling experience.</p>
Objective	Tell and draw a story about something that happened to you
Time	15 – 20 minutes
Materials	Paper and pencil
Procedures	<p>Oral Story Talk with your child about their day to help identify a moment that could be used for a “story” (Ex. It was so fun being at the park today but then it started to rain! Can you tell me what happened?).</p> <p>Encourage your child to tell you about the event in a logical order from beginning to end. Prompt as necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was there? (characters) • Where were you? (setting) • What were you doing before it started raining? (beginning) • What did you do when you felt a raindrop? (middle) • How did that make you feel? (emotion) • What happened next or after that? (end) • How did you feel? (emotion) • Did you say anything? (dialogue)

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	<p>Written Story</p> <p>Once they have orally shared the story, encourage your child to draw the story.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• That was such a great story! Let's write that story down so we can remember!• Have your child use basic shapes to draw themselves, a simple setting, and the significant event.• Help them add the label "me" next to themselves.• Add a speech or thought bubble with a simple word or phrase they might have said such as, Oh no! or Yikes!• Save your child's stories to make a book of summer memories.• Have your child retell their story. See if the story stays consistent over time. Do they want to add more detail to the story?
Additional Resources and Information	<p>Visit Scholastic: Draw a Story: Storytelling Through Drawing</p> <p>Visit Reading Rockets: Writing Activities for Your Kindergartner</p>

Example: Student Drawn Story with Prompting and Support

