

Honoring Children's Voices

Storytelling and Story Acting

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Overview of Oral Language
Development

23 Lessons



Honoring Children's Voices: Storytelling
and Story Acting

28 Lessons



The Learning Environment as the Third
Teacher

25 Lessons



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Storytelling

What do we know already?



Who Was Vivian Paley?



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Storytelling with Vivian Paley



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More Questions

A Reflection on the Storytelling Process

“The opportunity to be heard is so powerful.”

Evelyn Davis
Early Childhood Educator
Auckland, New Zealand



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SAMPLE STORIES: OLIVIA

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Olivia - Dec 10, 2007, Monday

Once upon a time there is a little pony and she is lost in the forest. And her name was Ponita. And a little girl went in the forest and those two girls knew each other. They went to a house.

little girl - Olivia

Pony - Ellie

girl & a girl - cars

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Little Girl Picked A Flower for her
mom's Birthday by Olivia

Once upon a time there was a little girl and her mom's birthday was coming up and she picked a flower and then she heard her dad coming back from his walk. And her ~~dad~~ dad never ~~let~~ let she play in the kitchen and she was playing in the kitchen so she quickly cleaned the mess that she ~~was~~ playing with. So she went up to her bedroom and she played in there because her Dad never let her play in the kitchen. And then she went on her back porch and she picked a beautiful flower for her mom's birthday. She went to her Grandpas after she picked the flower
The End.

Little Girl - Olivia
Flower - Ellie
Dad - Lia

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Barbie and her friend Kelly by Olivia

Once upon a time there was a girl and her name was Barbie. And she was really lonely. She didn't have a dad or a MOM or a brother or a pet. She decided to go into the woods to see if she could find a friend. She found a little girl who was sad and lonely and her name was Kelly. They played together in the forest. Then they walked home and while they walked home they found this poor guinea pig and they decided ~~it home~~ to take it home with them. And when they got home at Barbie's town they went to get ice cream. They decided to get vanilla. Then when they were walking home they found a unicorn and the unicorn liked them. When they got home a mom and dad was waiting for them. They played together. The End.

Olivia - Barbie
Julian - Dad
Ellie - Kelly
~~Leah - Lia~~ ~~unicorn~~ Mom
Hannah - unicorn
Abby - guinea pig
Justin

What Does the Research Say?

Benefits of Storytelling and Story Acting



LANGUAGE &
LITERACY SKILLS



SOCIAL &
EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



CREATIVITY



MOTIVATION



Why Storytelling and Story Acting NOW?

Our global population has been traumatized during the recent public health crisis. We are emerging with stories to tell.



- **Storytelling:**
highly-impactful practice to strengthen language development
- **Story Acting:**
highly-impactful practice to foster social-emotional growth
- **Adapting storytelling and story acting** as regular practice is an **effective COVID RELIEF strategy.**

- Story listening is **mesmerizing**.
- Storytelling is **therapeutic**.
- Story acting is **HEALING**.



The Science Behind the Healing Power of Story



An Interview with Luisiana Meléndez

Storytelling and
Story Acting
as a Tool for Healing



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Planning for All Children to Engage in Language and Learning

LANGUAGE PRACTICES

Children use language in dynamic ways to make meaning.

LANGUAGE INTERACTIONS

Children assume a variety of roles as they interact with others.



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LANGUAGE PARTICIPATION

Children use language for a variety of purposes.

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Children develop language as they meaningfully interact with others and explore the world around them.

Questions?



WREN WORKS

Changing Narratives Through Story

Upcoming opportunities...

Professional learning and guided support: **Getting Started with Storytelling and Story Acting**

Free Webinar: **Launching Summer School Program** to address learning loss, support teachers, and focus on COVID RELIEF

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