

STORYTELLING



AN EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

PARENT STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

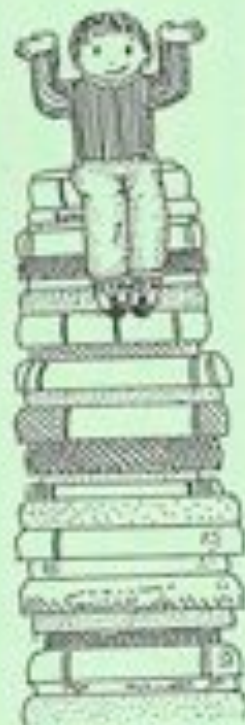
WHY TELL???



- IMPROVES LANGUAGE SKILLS
- IMPROVES LISTENING SKILLS
- INCREASES MOTIVATION TO READ & WRITE
- POWERFUL TEACHING TOOL
- STIMULATES THE IMAGINATION
- CREATES AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION FOR OTHER CULTURES
- EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

WHAT STORIES ARE TELLABLE???

- ANY STORY YOU LOVE
- SIMPLE PLOT
- ACTION BEGINS QUICKLY
- FEW CHARACTERS
- SIMPLE LANGUAGE
- CHANTS, REPEATS
- FOLKTALES SAFEST



HOW TO TELL

LEARNING THE STORY

- *READ MANY STORIES*
- *READ ALOUD SEVERAL TIMES*
- *READ DIFFERENT VERSIONS*
- *EASIEST = CUMULATIVE, REPEATS, LOGICAL*
- *LEARN PLOT FIRST*
- *LEARN ANY SPECIAL WORDING*
- *VISUALIZE STORY*
- *DESCRIBE OUT LOUD*
- *MAP IT*
- *WALK IT*
- *RECORD IT*
- *TELL WHILE DOING SOMETHING ELSE*

HOW TO TELL
TELLING THE STORY

- PROPS
- PACE
- PAUSES
- LOUDNESS
- GESTURES
- DIFFERENT VOICES
- ACCENTS
- PROGRAM



FOLKTALES

A DIRECT LINE TO THE HEART OF A PEOPLE

TYPES OF FOLKTALES :

FAIRYTALE - MAGICAL ELEMENT

POURQUOI - EXPLAINS WHY

ANIMAL OR BEAST TALES - HUMAN BEHAVIOR

NOODLEHEAD - SILLY, "FOOL" STORIES

CUMULATIVE - REPEATED LINE

FABLES - SHORT, ANIMAL, MORAL

LEGEND - BASED ON FACT

MYTHS - PART SCIENCE, PART RELIGION

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS:

ORAL TRADITION

CHARACTERS ALL GOOD OR BAD

NUMBER 3

RITUAL OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS

OPENING - WEST AFRICA

S: A STORY, A STORY

A: LET IT COME

S: LET IT GO

OPENING/CLOSING - WEST INDIES

S: CRIC!

A: CRAC!

OPENING - ASHANTI

S: WE DO NOT REALLY MEAN
WE DO NOT REALLY MEAN
THAT WHAT WE SAY IS TRUE.

CLOSING - ARMENIAN

S: THREE APPLES FELL FROM HEAVEN
ONE FOR THE TELLER
ONE FOR THE LISTENER
AND ONE FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

OPENING/CLOSING - ARMENIAN

S: ONCE THERE WAS AND ONCE THERE WAS NOT ...

... AND SO THEY ACHIEVED
THEIR HEARTS' DESIRE
MAY YOU THUS ACHIEVE
YOUR HEARTS' DESIRE.

CLOSING - IRISH

S: TAKE THIS STORY AND MAY THE NEXT ONE WHO TELLS IT,
BETTER IT.

RITUAL OPENINGS & CLOSINGS CONTINUED

UNKNOWN ORIGINS

*ENDING - SNIP SNAP SNOUT!
AND NOW THE TALE IS OUT!*

*BEGINNING - NOW I AM READY TO TELL MY STORY
AND, IF YOU DON'T LISTEN,
YOUR EARS WILL TURN GREEN AND FALL OFF.*

*ENDING - ...AND I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT YOU STILL HAVE YOUR
EARS.*