

VIP Round #2

Setting The Context

Storytelling is great for oral language development, helps with introducing and developing new vocabulary, and helps as students continue to develop their reading skills. For many children, telling stories orally helps them generate and expand on ideas that they use for their writing. We've noticed more and more students,

- Making up stories to tell to their friends,
- Creating stories to help frame their dramatic play,
- Beginning to write stories based on what they've shared aloud,
- And telling stories based on the pictures in books.

Project Details

For this round of VIP, we want students to "tell a story." There are many different ways to do this.

1) Send in a book that your child can use to create his/her own story. At home, have your child use the pictures in the book to make up a story, and then encourage him/her to share this story at school. Write us a few prompts to help with extending this story if needed during the full class retell. **If your child speaks multiple languages, and has a story in his/her first language to share, your child could also present this story to the class. A wonderful way to expose students to different languages and hear (and connect) to different stories.**

2) Draw or paint some pictures together at home that can inspire some storytelling. Send in the pictures or send us a photograph of them (to share on the SMART Board). Your child can then tell us the story behind the pictures at school.

3) Create a story video. Make a video together at home of a story that

you tell or act out. Send us the video to add to the blog and share in the classroom.

4) Be creative! Come up with your own way to share a story with the class: *it might involve writing a story, making up a song about it, or creating an object that is central to the storytelling.* These stories can be original ones or based on stories that your child already knows.

Stories should be around **3-5 minutes long**. Storytelling as a family is a great thing to do. If you want to come in to share a story with your child, just let us know, and we can arrange a time.

VIP Dates

November 25th - Julia
November 26th - Adelaide
November 27th - Ronan
November 28th - Kingston
December 2nd - Logan
December 3rd - Leo Y.
December 4th - Sage
December 5th - Dorothy
December 6th - Evangeline
December 9th - Chanuli
December 10th - Arthur
December 11th - Michael
December 12th - Farah
December 13th - Kai
December 16th - Damien
December 17th - Isaac
December 18th - Nash
December 19th - Max
January 7th - Chloe
January 8th - Karson
January 9th - Leo W.
January 10th - Tilly
January 13th - Lila
January 14th - Murphy

January 15th - Molly

January 16th - Will

January 17th - Lenny