

EVERYDAY SKILL BUILDERS

Storytelling

musical stories



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Musical storytelling is a fabulous way to build vocabulary, nurture a love of learning, and offer whole-body, sensory-rich literacy experiences. It's a wonderful addition to any early childhood program, especially on those days when children are drawn to movement over sitting still.

Acting out musical stories is action-packed and inclusive, and with every child participating at once no waiting is required, making it one of the most joyful ways to foster a love of story.

TIPS FOR ENGAGING IN MUSICAL STORY TELLING

1

Find a story that can be acted out en mass. 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen is a great example.

2

Get the children involved with the storytelling through questions and prompts. The call-and-return nature of 'We're going on a bear hunt' supports children's involvement. You might ask "are we scared?" ["NO! we're not scared"]

3

Clear guidance and prompts throughout the story telling help children stay connected to the story while moving safely as a group (without bumping into each other or the furniture).

4

If you're leading the story, you can also scan ahead, shift chairs, and remove surprise trip hazards as you go! Following the natural walking spaces within the learning environment helps keep a sense of order.



EXAMPLE: WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT...

Using props can help support the story telling - an old sheet or blue mat to represent the river, potted plants to create the forest, a sheet draped over a table or A-frame to make the bears cave and some home made masks to create the 'bears'....

Notes

Reflections

