

Demonstration Storytime

Big and Small

Welcome to our preschool storytime today. My name is Saroj Ghoting. I am so glad you can all be here today. We are going to be sharing rhymes, movement activities and books. Please participate as much as you can. Don't force your child, but they are more likely to participate if they see you participating. We expect some degree of chaos. However, if your child is not happy, feel free to leave and come back when your child is calmer.

Let's start with our opening rhyme

Opening Song: Storytime Is Here (to tune of Farmer in the Dell)

(First verse and chorus)

Storytime is here; storytime is here.

Hey-ho, the derry-o,

Storytime is here.

Shake your hands up high.

Shake your hands down low.

Hey-how, the derry-o,

Shake 'em high and low.

Chorus

Tap your feet like this.

Tap your feet like that.

Hey-ho, the derry-o,

Give yourselves a pat.

Chorus

Give your hands a clap.

Give your hands a clap.

Hey-ho the derry-o,

Now put them in your lap

Early Literacy Aside #1: Explain Aside

Our early literacy tip of the day is vocabulary, knowing the meanings of words. When children have a large vocabulary it will make it easier for them both to figure out words as they try to sound them out and to understand what they read because they will know the meanings of the words. When we read books with children they hear three times as many less familiar (or rare) words than those we use in regular conversation. I'll be pointing out some things we are doing in storytime today and that you can also do at home to help develop this skill, vocabulary.

Introduction: Clap children's/adult names

Theme for today is big and small. They are opposites! What is something that is big? What is another word for big? What is something that is small? What are some other words for small? [Show letters.]

Our next book is about a boy who grows so much that he keeps outgrowing his clothes. This is one of my favorite books! Listen to all the interesting words in this book.

Early Literacy Aside #2: Example Aside:

Adults, books use words that we don't use in everyday conversation so children who are read to hear many different words they would not know otherwise. Listen for some of those words as I read the story.

Read Book: *Something from Nothing* by Phoebe Gilman

What words did you hear? Talk with children about one or two interesting words. [some possibilities]

Frazzled—worn out, frayed, ragged, unraveling

Tattered—torn, ragged, frayed, shabby

Unightly—ugly, unattractive

Spotched—stained, spotted, marked so you

Shrunken—got smaller

can't get it out

Droop—sag, flop, hang down

Splattered—splashed, sprayed

Flannelboard Retelling

Our next rhyme is about a very small animal, a mouse!

Rhyme: *Hickory Dickory Dock* (with arm, standing, pairs)

Hickory dickory dock

The mouse ran up the clock

The clock struck one

The mouse ran down

Hickory dickory dock.

Our next book is about a flower that grows very tall.

Factual Book: *From Tadpole to Frog* by Shannon Zemilicka

Song/Rhyme: *Eensy Weensy Spider* from *Mainly Mother Goose* by Sharon, Lois and Bram

Each year that we grow older we have a birthday! This book is about someone who is having a birthday.

Big Book: *Flower Garden* by Eve Bunting

Song/FB: "Happy Birthday" to the Mommy.

Closing Song: *Storytime Is Done*

Our storytime is done.

Our storytime is done.

Hey-ho the derry-o,

We have had lots of fun!

We read and sang some songs.

We read and sang some songs.

Hey-ho the derry-o,

We can do this

all day long!

Goodbye until next time.

Goodbye until next time.

Hey-ho the derry-o,

See you all next time!

Early Literacy Aside #3: Empower Aside

I'm giving you a handout with the pattern for *Something From Nothing*. I hope you'll take time to tell each other the story at home and use some of the interesting words from the book as you retell it together.

On this table I have some books about things that are big and small, about sizes. On this table I have some books that use words children might not normally hear. Of course, if children know the meanings of all the words in a book you read together, you can always add a less familiar word to support vocabulary. Feel free to take a book from each table to check out.