

# Family Explore: **STORIES**

*Exploring storytelling with children*



**Sometimes children tell stories with TOYS.  
Some stories emerge from unlikely  
items or interesting events.**



What is the story of  
this boy and the dog?



**Sharing storytelling with children helps  
them during literacy instruction.**



# Helping Children Notice & Explore STORY

Children find stories everywhere. They tell stories with toys. They may give you a detailed account of a dream or an imaginary event (“*You flew into the sky...?*”). They may even want to tell you again and again (and again) about an event that made an impression on them. This story creation is building skills that will help them in school. Share simple stories with your child, add details, think of fantastic amazing possibilities. See what happens!

## Play ... a Storytelling Game

- Start with, “*Once upon a time, there was a ... (big, enormous dinosaur).*” Then add simple pieces, such as “*One day, the big enormous dinosaur decided to .... Then he ....*” Alternate turns so that your child adds a piece of the story and then you add a piece.

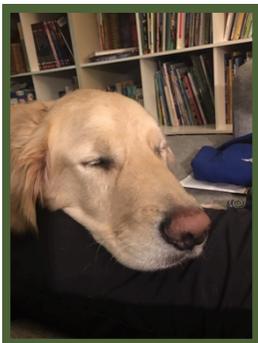
When you tell stories with your child, you help your child learn to **Collaborate** or coordinate their ideas with you. When children have strong **Collaboration** skills, they can be positive learning partners in school.

## Record ... a Photo Story.

- Take photos with your phone during special events (trip to the zoo, visit to Grandma’s, a family celebration, etc.). Create a folder or album for the pictures in your phone’s photo app - see example below. Then “tell” the story with your child while flipping through the photo sequence.

When you talk to and tell stories with your child, you are building your child’s **Communication** skills. Children with good communication skills are more likely to be successful in school.

Phone Pic  
Going-To-School Story



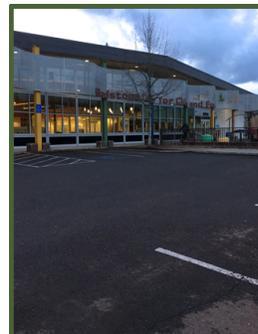
Bye to the dog.



Leave the house.



Get in the car.



Arrive at school.



Time for fun!